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PREFACE.

"For the very sure and lively Christian faith is, not only to believe all things of God which are contained in Holy Scripture; but also is an earnest trust and confidence in God, that He doth regard us, and hath cure (charge) of us, *as the father of the child* whom he doth love."—*Bishop Cranmer, in Homily.*

PRAYER should not be a bare wish to arrive at the Celestial City at the *end* of our pilgrimage. It should spring from a desire to feel at once that we are on the road, actually journeying onward in eternal things. To feel that, must be a great happiness; and that we may feel it we should devoutly pray. Now of all eternal things, which will continue with us when our pilgrimage is happily over —more glorious than the kindred knowledge and love of the truth—is the knowledge and love of God. To *know*, under the inspiration of his holy Spirit, by experience that we may depend upon Him, so far as to leave caring for earthly things either as means or end, and only to do so as an evidence and exercise of love and trust;—to *know* that He gives a loving spirit power over intellect, and social tact, and skill —sometimes using them, sometimes doing without

them—is indeed to feel Him ever present, ever faithful, ever reconciled.

The author's desire (he cannot say how far he has accomplished it) has been to write a short course of prayers, for the use of those whom God has called by his gospel to live with this new aim and new life:—such as feel that their joy and strength is to trust their heavenly Father; and their blessing, to grow in an eternal and lasting life according to his will and judgments, by the power of his continual help.

He has tried to use common words and phrases; and such as, in their common meanings, convey most truly the plain meaning of the New Testament writings—not so much of the authorised translation of King James I., as of the Greek itself. Even a cottager may, he hopes, understand them.

He wishes these prayers to prove a pleasure and benefit to those who may be living and working, for the time, away from home. May they help to warm the hearts of such towards their God and neighbours; and encourage them, though alone, wisely to keep their consciousness pure and guileless, and every pure love faithful and strong.

Some, too, living in the retirement of a family, may have well-nigh fallen into the error of idleness or frivolity. This book treats of a life worth living for: one which is clear from both hypocrisy and vain

confidence. It recognises a God, to *obey* whom is life everlasting. It will do well if it call forth, but fail to express, the reader's gratitude to God for the blessing of such a life.

These few simple prayers perhaps contain sufficient understanding of perishable worldly life, and of helpless natural passions—from these we must trust God to release us, that we may die to them as did Christ; and not with them. And they contain, at the same time, thought and prayer for real and actual revival into a spiritual imperishable life; which God will give us, as he has given glory and life to our Brother Christ, after He died.

It is not the *sin* blotted out, but the eternal humility, gratitude, and promises opened by its forgiveness, that occupy the attention and give soundness to the faith of conscientious people. 1 Sam. xii. 19—21; Luke ix. 62; Rom. v. 1, 2; vii. 6, &c. The holy Spirit is named by our Saviour the *Encourager* (Παράκλητος).

A great folly amongst us is idolatry. It consists in worshipping the less and dependent, instead of the greater and necessary. He who absorbs himself wholly in his ramble may get back, though with a healthy appetite, too late for dinner. She who gives up her soul to the dressing may, when dressed, be too late to start on the expedition. God has given no promise to those who wilfully absorb themselves

in any temporal occupation (however important or religious) so as to foolishly think any part of it, even for the moment, more necessary than the *bonâ fide* remembering Him who is their Creator and Saviour, their present and upholding God.

The result of weariness absorption and labour, to the forgetting of God and his laws of union and holiness, is but the continual building of wood or stubble or hay upon the good foundation. What says our Saviour as to our only chance of building real hope or success? Luke xii.

Let us follow God, and his will; and take any labour or distress that comes in our way for his sake, not for its. He can rob each of its *sting*, and clothe us in his righteousness and glory. Let us die to the world; but never to God:—let us die to the world, to live in good faith with God; then God is faithful, and will *give* us this life for the honour of Christ, and his own love and promise' sake.

How wise, and faithful to our great Benefactor should we be, were we to do all our work (whether priestly, educational, mercantile, or manual) with our minds set upon Him!—with our eyes always open and our hearts attentive to the spiritual scenery of God's goodness, our own weakness and failure, God's strength to which we are owing, and have owed, all through Christ's holy sacrifice for our sin and future acceptance; to the holy Spirit working in all things, visible and invisible, in truth and power; to the

characters and spiritual needs of our brethren around us; and to our Anointed Intercessor who is standing in heaven at the right hand of God the Father. He who is forgetting these things is indeed dead while he lives—he who neglects to prove and test them, is indeed criminal. Who can do anything worthily while he forgets these things? These are real things: who can *wish* to take his eyes off them?

It may remove a difficulty in the personal applying of these prayers by each reader, to give the following caution. The confession, "I have forgotten God" does not mean, "I have never remembered God," but "I have not remembered Him always." So, "Thou hast enabled me to subdue love of evil," does not mean necessarily *all* love of evil, but *some* love of evil: and so on.

May God, in his mercy, bless these prayers to you, kind Reader; and may He accept them from all who earnestly use them; for the sake of his sacrificed Son, our Redeemer, and Ransom, whom He has glorified. And, above all, may He lead you to search and prove the Scriptures for yourselves, diligently and attentively; and to learn thence how to live a new and lasting life, in union with each other and with Him, and in trust on his mercy and reality. So be it, to his glory.

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IN

PRIVATE, OR IN FAMILY PRAYER.

PRIVATE PRAYER.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast brought me in peace through the night, and enablest me to come before Thee in health and strength: as Thou hast mercy on my body, so, and for thy Son's sake much more also, have mercy on my soul; grant that, in Him, I may grow in thy saving health, and in everlasting strength, and in enduring affections; until, when my body and earthly comforts fail, I may finally inherit that everlasting and glorious kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

I would come before Thee, O Lord, making Him the sacrifice for my sins; and praying Thee to be reconciled to me, and to those dear to me, and to all around me, for his sake. Look not upon my unworthiness, and thanklessness of heart; from which I would sincerely turn; yea, I hate ungratefulness, though it cleaves to me. Deliver me from my belief in the world, and slowness to love Thee and

to rejoice in and hope for thy favour and Spirit. Pardon my forgetfulness of my neighbours; the pride, and deadness of affection I have often felt under thy mercies; and my sin in setting up carnal pleasures or aims, and so going astray myself and tempting thy servants. Forgive, I humbly pray Thee, my stumbling at thy laws and providential warnings; that my heart has departed from justness and mercy in my dealings, looking towards wilfulness, covetousness, and oppression.

I am very far fallen from Thee, and from righteousness; from thy happy truth and holiness; in my spirit, affections, and thoughts. I am too content with trifling and folly; too unbelieving to try thy mercy and care. Restore me, O Lord, who call upon Thee in thy Son's name. Be reconciled to me, and to those dear to me, according to thy promises, for his sake. Rescue me, as Thou art already defending me. And according to thy holy word, give to me, who ask Thee, thy holy Spirit, new desires, and new judgment; that I may rejoice, turning more and more from earthly things to heavenly joys and hope. And let the light of thy countenance so shine upon me, and the blessing of thy protection so keep me, that my faith may be steadfast in Thee,—that in the crowd and changes of earthly things my heart may never cease to trust and love *Thee;* but seek with confidence and constancy those great mercies which Thou hast promised to give to those who ask them:—love, spiritual discernment, faith, holiness.

Bless, O Lord, this day, my Queen, and princes,

and all raised to any authority or influence: protect and save them; and defend their hearts from slighting thy law, under blindness of their own natural lust. To thy Church look with help and forgiveness: to thy people bring thy messages of truth and peace: and give my own family and kindred a heart to know and love Thee, and to search out thy commands; and the blessings of this earth in their season; and finally bring us into thine eternal rest.

Grant this, O Jehovah, and lead and bless me, this day and for evermore: for Jesus, thine Anointed's sake. Amen.

EVENING.

LORD Jehovah, Thou hast declared Thyself to us in thy Son; who, though truly God, became a man; and gave us the inestimable blessing of thy Gospel, and the example of a pure and Godly life. Praised be thy name for these benefits to us miserable sinners, of all nations and tongues, who are sunk and confounded in death and unfaithfulness. O Almighty Father, crown thy mercy towards us, and grant us thy Spirit, that we may love and cherish Thee more and more, in the truths, and precepts, and promises of thy Gospel—more than any worldly reputation, or riches, or trust; which deceive the users, and cannot help any. Support our trust in Thee our God; that we may praise thine Anointed by dying, like Him, daily unto the world; for that Thou, Lord, wilt for his sake grant us daily to live in Him in glory.

O Lord, accept me, and those related to me by

kindred or spiritual ties, this evening, for his sake who has redeemed us by his own death, and who now stands accepted at thy right hand in power and glory in heaven. Be Thou my intercessor, O Lord Jesus, this night. I acknowledge my wickedness towards Thee and towards men. I have this day done homage to worldly things, and so sown the seeds of bitterness. Absorbing myself in devotion to thy creatures and laws, I have (more than a dog to its master) died to Thee; even to Thee who wert ordering all things for my good, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner. I have not waited for thy blessing to soften my heart; I have not understood thy righteous judgments; and so in my dealings I have ill considered my brethren, rich, equals and poor,—my desire has not been always to do to them as I would have them do to me. I thank Thee that I have known right in anything. O have mercy upon me, and my meditations; raise me from this death of sin unto righteousness of life; graft in my heart the love of what Thou lovest: increase in me true religion; nourish me in all goodness; that so, of thy great mercy, my heart may be filled with a holy spirit, and have sound faith to blot out my remembrance of past sin, and be born and grow by thy power, unto all good works. And may I and mine each finally be raised to thy heavenly kingdom, to thy praise and great glory, O Father of all mercies.

Bless, this night, all in sickness, pain, or distress: and spread thy Gospel light to those who are now unthankful and evil; for our Redeemer's sake, our rock and safety. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

"*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*"—Matt. xviii. 20.

To be used for any Evening; especially after prayers or a meeting have been previously attended.

O LORD, Jesus Christ, who left the assembly of thy purchased people both with a knowledge of the truth, and with established messengers and servants; and hast since then given and preserved to us, in their ancient languages, the inspiration of thy holy Spirit: We beseech Thee to continue and complete these blessings; and to give a holy, true, and bold spirit of faith and love to those who minister to thy Church: may they honestly fulfil thy charge, and spread the food of the Holy Writings in the plainest simplicity, and truth of meaning, before the humble sheep and lambs of thy visible earthly fold. And grant that all, encouraged by thy command to search the Scriptures, and searching for Thee with a good conscience and steadfast trust, may learn to prize thy simple word above gold or silver. May we, who confess that our fathers persecuted thy holy witnesses, Bradford, Latimer, Bunyan, and others, earnestly think whether we be going in the way of those men whom our judgment approves,—those who valued and secured thy true word before their own peace and comfort, and before their own individual glory and estimation and life; and who spread it faithfully among all.

O merciful Father, accept for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, this petition of us unworthy sinners,—that Thou wilt guide all who seek to spread thy truth; that Thou wilt keep the translations of thy word into all languages true and plain, simple and unconfused; and that Thou wilt restrain all

those, children of Satan, who would turn thy word into obscurity or falsehood. Bless too, O Lord, the readers of thy word; in public and private. May those who attend to thy word be taught, forgiven, and blessed by thy fatherly compassion. And give us all grace to study thy word more than any other learning; and to perceive and know thy truth; and to carry thy good seed in continual growth and security in an honest and faithful heart, wherever we go.

Merciful Saviour, grant the petition of us, unworthy and ungrateful livers, and work in our hearts true repentance and encouragement; according to thy gracious promises in the Father's name. Saviour, grant us thy Spirit to guide our Church, and to renew our hearts according to thy gracious wish.

And grant that the holy servants and elders of thy flock may, under thy blessing, always provide complete and plain services for thy body of humble believers: may they defend thy people in good and holy order; and encourage them by every facility and convenience, according to thy example and teaching; and abominating technicalities and human magnificence; in truth. And may all men give our clergy attention and reverence, as to thy special servants in spiritual things; for whom they have asked thy special wisdom, temper, and Spirit; but may none be misled by priestcraft and worldly honour.

Hear us, merciful Lord Jesus; and gather all men unto Thee, in the power given to Thee by the Father, for thy name's sake. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

In reading, keep the stops; especially the colons and full stops. The prayers are short, and should be read leisurely.

O MERCIFUL Father, Thou hast from the creation hallowed a day of rest for man, a day on which he may quit earthly labour, and anxiety; and seek Thee anew, and praise thy goodness. Grant that this day we be not backward nor mistrustful in accepting this thy gift, and in using it aright. And do Thou accept our imperfect homage, and pardon the weakness and ignorance of our service to Thee, and bless this day to the very present comfort and gladdening of our souls.

O God, who hast made us all, rich and poor, scholars and teachers, masters and servants, parents and children; and hast enriched us with so many blessings, of house and field, providence and instruction; grant that we may this day live as a family worthy of so good and great a Father. As in all our occupation, so especially when we come together and meet in our church to lift up our hearts to Thee, grant that we may pray in thy holy Spirit, and draw near to Thee in Christ; turning our thoughts away from all our worldly wishes. May we not in our prayers pray for ourselves alone, nor in our praises praise Thee for our own comforts only: but may we be, like Thee, anxious to bless all with

whom we have to do. May we worship Thee from no selfishness, but from trust in thy goodness and power; may we make all our sacrifices in gratitude and faith, and all our self-denial and labour in hope and affection; for how much more should we in all our thoughts and prayers care for Thee, who always from heaven carest for us. Turn us from the sleep of selfishness or perplexity, the sleep of death to all that is good: renew our hearts, and give new life to our spirits. So may our thoughts be undivided by doubtful lusts, and our souls strong in a pure spirit; that we may, by thy great help, live in that true change of thought to which Thou hast promised life for ever.

Extend, too, merciful and Almighty God, the blessing of thy Sabbath and of thy glad tidings of peace and life, to all men and to all lands: to the heathen that know Thee not; to the Jews who have received Thee not; and to all those bearing the name of Christ who are choked amid the cares or splendour of living, or carried away by Satan and their own lusts. Bless all, O God: feed those who hunger after Thee this day; clothe in Christ's righteousness those who are ashamed of their errors; and gladden those who depend upon Thee, with peaceful fruit to their labours: for Jesus Christ's sake; who is the true bread, from Thee. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father; we have this day enjoyed some of thy greatest blessings. Thou hast of thy great love and power granted us to-day to have communion with Thee, our great Creator and King; Thou hast sustained our hearts in the peace of holy thoughts, humble trust, and warm affections and hopes,—riches greater than earthly monarchs can give—love greater than earthly fathers can show. O Lord God, we are thankful indeed for thy goodness; and for our thankful hearts we praise Thee. Thou nourishedst and formedst our bodies when we were helpless; and Thou alone, O God, canst nourish, and raise to a living existence, our souls; for we are forlorn and sinful. May we be humble and very thankful before Thee; and desire to trust Thee more, and serve Thee better.

May we this night meditate on thy goodness, strength, and promises. And give us thy holy Spirit, and the bread of life in our souls, that we may not be slow nor heavy in thinking of thy law, and fearing Thee, and desiring thy commandments. So by thy continual help, may thy word fall upon good and honest hearts: may we not love evil, nor fancy lying, nor indulge worldliness: may we not love devouring words, over-reaching, retaliation, nor deceit. Thou wilt look on us with wrath while we

think of these things: Thou wilt destroy those schemes for ever; Thou wilt pluck them away and root them out of the land of the living: O may we not perish miserably with them, but abhor them truly; and make Thee our strength, for Christ's sake.

And especially we ask, for our Saviour's sake, for us and for all thy body of faithful Christians, that we may always, especially this night, trust in the mercy of our God, in our Saviour's love and free sacrifice; with gratitude to Him, and brotherly love to our neighbours, and a spirit of patience and love in all our conduct. May we improve the time, in thy help; fear no evil, if we be but striving to nourish our love to Thee in thought or deed: may we not cower before the world, for Thou art our Saviour, and thy Spirit an ever-willing Almighty Comforter. So glorify Thyself, O God, and thy Son and Anointed our Redeemer, that we, weak and helpless by nature, in a sinful world, may live boldly, work powerfully, and bear fruit, in all nations and tongues, as members of the body of thine Anointed Son. O may we live in his name, in humility and righteous fear.

Pour thy blessing upon us and all the human race, and consider their petitions and teach them, for Jesus Christ's sake, who stands at thy right hand, ever ready to save. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

WE, thy servants, O God, again bow before Thee; for to thy blessing we owe our lives which Thou hast placed in such goodly influences, our strength in all good tempers, our reconciliation with Thee, and the gracious command to love Thee as a Father in Christ Jesus our Lord. O God, to whom all power belongeth, we, sincerely considering our petitions, beseech Thee to give us such a spirit in our hearts, as we go forth this day, that we may fear Thee when tempted to wrong, love Thee above all things when we are enjoying thy mercies, thank Thee always when feeling our helplessness, and forget our own selfish desires when watching thy providence amongst our fellow-creatures. So may we acknowledge Thee, obey Thee, and promote thy glory; and spread the glad tidings of thy blessing, every day of our lives.

O God of heaven, Thou hast promised us the gift of thy Spirit, if we ask it in the name and for the sake of thine Anointed, Jesus. O, now, pity the confusion of our sinful minds, cleanse all lusts from our hearts, rebuild our affections in purity and gratitude; and so hear our supplications, and account them acceptable and of sweet savour in thy sight, for the sake of Christ, our only sacrifice, the Lamb of the passover slain for us. Answer our prayers, for his sake, and give us more than we can express

or desire, for our souls' good, and the building up of thy Church in piety and godliness.

And grant that, in thy Spirit, we may not rest satisfied with knowing the result of thy temporal and moral laws; but let us learn to know the laws themselves by walking in them more and more, following in them wholly; and so becoming, in thy help, more perfect in love, and trust, and gratitude towards Thee and our neighbours. May we mentally thank Thee whenever we receive thy most notable blessings in friendship, food, or life; always sure that the happiness of knowing thy blessings is as nothing to the joy of knowing Thee, their good maker and giver; and of dwelling in Thee, and Thou in us.

Look in long-suffering and mercy, in remembrance of the life, and promise, and death of thy dear Son, upon all the thousands who will pass with us through this day. Guide the improvident; open the hearts of the strong and grasping; stay the hand of the oppressor, and of the prodigal: but above all, Lord Jehovah, bless the meek; grant fruit to the patient; keep pure those whom Thou blessest; and build up by merciful and tender care those who call upon Thee in gratitude and trust and contrition. Grant these our imperfect prayers; and be to us a living and gracious God this day; and keep us in thy fold this day; for the sake of Jesus our Lord, the first-fruit of many whom Thou wilt save. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

WE this evening again approach Thee, O God, with thankfulness for thy mercies to us this day, and before this day; and desiring again to take our start in thy forgiveness and strength, to greater love and gratitude to Thee for thy love to us, and to a greater improvement of our time and of our own desires and aims.

We have this day been once again sustained by Thee to take our place in the world amongst our fellow-men, our friends, and occupations. We thank Thee, gracious Saviour, for thus giving us this life: O grant that we may, spared by thy mercy to another day, use our life more to thy glory, and to keep alive in us remembrance of Thee. May we in every dealing, bargain, or engagement, act in love to Thee, the ever-present God, to whose continual warfare against sin we are trusting for all our happiness. We cannot make our way; we cannot see it: but we would deny all ungodly lusts, and trust thy living Spirit to give us a fresh and Godly life and mind. May we not covet the worldly things which pass through our hands; but know that we act as thy stewards, and must for everything we do give account to our holy Judge. May we not after praying to Thee, and acting in fear of Thee, wickedly look back again, like Lot's wife. May we only rejoice in each bargain or dealing, if it have established virtue, set forth justice and truth, and (if possible) left charity and brotherly kindness in the hearts of all.

O Lord, all just, all merciful Jehovah; we confess that we have not acted in Thy mercy; we have gone astray in our hearts, and dealt wickedly not only in our dealings with neighbours, but with our own family; and have aroused anger, resentment, frivolity, and discontent. We are heartily ashamed of this our misdoing; we repent that we have dealt so ungratefully; we grieve that we have forsaken and crucified our Saviour, and returned evil for good; to the unhappiness and ruin of our souls. O save us, that we fight not thus on Satan's side: let us remember that thy wrath is certain against those who do such evil; and that unless we forsake all and follow our blessed Saviour, we cannot be his disciples. Thankful are we, O Lord, that Thou requirest no hard service, far from us, or out of our reach; but only to arrive at a just trust in Thee, from our hearts, for an eternal reward.

Bless to-night this kingdom; and especially those who are looking for thy help: give life to the hearts and understandings of those who desire good things: and lead all men, in all their nightly thoughts, to believe in Thee as a living God, mightier than all kings, ready to hear and answer prayer, reconciled to us by innocent blood shed for the guilty. May they praise Thee, feel thankful to Thee, trust in Thee, and wish to fulfil thy laws fully.

Hear us, good Lord, and bless us and thy whole family of mankind, for the sake of the atonement and prayers of thine own Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD Jehovah, most just and truthful, most merciful and faithful; We, kneeling before Thee, thank Thee heartily for thy great mercies to us, in the past night, and in the passing year; and in all our past life. O let thy present mercies of health and support, and cheerful friendship, and Christian union, lead us to bless Thee for thy more gracious promises, of complete redemption, reconciliation, and happiness: so that we may trust thy word thoroughly, obey thy providence dutifully; and by the help of thy holy Spirit, who has brought us so far in the truth, may we grow up to perfect faithfulness and confidence with Thee. We truly do not deserve the mercies which Thou hast so abundantly given us above so many others: we have risked our holy virtues in temptation; and our happiness in evil tempers, and coveting, and indulgence; and, above all, have not been always grateful to Thee, and honest in thanking Thee for the mercies we enjoy at thy hands. We have no power to help ourselves: our riches will perish; our desires are gone astray; our fancies grasp hold of vain and unsatisfying things; our souls are dull to love of Thee; and we do not love our neighbours in complete trust upon thy guardianship and help. O recover us from the

destroyer; and lead us safely to thy fold; and give us food and drink in spiritual and heavenly things: that we may follow our pursuits, honestly believing in Thee; gratefully obeying Thee; thinking not upon trifles, and things which have no spiritual good; and always kind and forgiving to those above and below us, seeing that we are forgiven by Thee in heaven.

Bless, O Lord Jehovah, this country of England, her Queen, her nobles, and those who live by the works of their heads or hands. Extend the feeling of brotherly love amongst us. May we be ashamed of covetous desires; content in that rank in which we are placed; not thoughtful in outward appearances; seeking to find good in our neighbours; not speaking maliciously. And may we all walk in the fear of Thee, and relying only on thy continual care; and desiring, for Christ's sake, to love most the best things.

Help us, O Lord, and look in mercy and speedy deliverance upon the whole family of thy creatures upon earth, and accept us: for Jesus Christ's sake, our root and deliverer. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O GOD, Lord of hosts; Thou hast made Thyself known to us through thy Son, through whom we are, and were created; who, though God, took upon Him our nature, suffered in the flesh, and is glorified at thy right hand; awaiting the full completion of his glory, when He shall judge the world righteously, and condemn those who know Him not as they should know Him, but will save his saints in his own righteousness, and unto his kingdom. Grant us thy grace, O God, to follow Him truly with our hearts and desires, this night: may we remember that He is always by us; and may his Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, incline us to seek, and think for, spiritual things: may we love honesty, and sobermindedness; meditate after sincerity, and faith; prize purity of thought, and meekness: in fact, may we accept Jesus, crucified for us, and desire to be like Him, and to gain his kingdom; not coveting earthly pleasures or riches or pomp. May we not trust Barabbas for our conqueror; but accept Jesus with trust and gratitude, that so God in heaven may accept us in Him. May our evil affections be overruled by thy good help, to the glory of thy Son's name, and to the spread of his kingdom. And grant us so to live from day to day, and so to meditate prayerfully from night to night, that when we are old we may find our pleasures

increase as well as our pains; our strength increasing as well as our weakness; and may look back upon lives well spent in accordance with thy word, in growth of enduring happiness, and in spreading of enduring truth and knowledge, and in guiding our steps towards an immortal crown.

Thus may we learn to do all we do to thy glory; always to feel thy presence; always to seek thy praise, and to live and act in trust and fear of Thee: that whether we die in peace or war, in pain or suddenly, we may be with Thee on our right hand, prepared for death in Christ; and not buried with our own works or deservings. Be Thou an ever-present help to us, O Lord; though earthly things fail, and earthly affections perish or are blighted, do Thou remain, and love us, and cherish us, and deliver us, as a good shepherd his helpless sheep. In Thee is our trust; have mercy upon us, O Lord Jesus. Glorify Thyself and the Father in us, and in our welfare.

Comfort and guide all in distress of poverty, perplexity, or pain; lead them to Thee; pity and heal their distress. Help and multiply those who are seeking to spread thy gospel: relieve those afflicted, or prevent sorrow and sin. And grant peace to our family; to our nation; and to all mankind, O Lord Creator: for Jesus Christ's sake, the Lamb of God slain for our sakes. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

WITH humble and thankful hearts we kneel before Thee, O Lord, our Maker, this day. O Thou God, who searchest hearts, and triest us by every word we utter and by every action we do, Thou hast this night seen in us much corruption, much hardness and coldness of heart, and much lust after perishing and dangerous pleasures. Check, we beseech Thee, this evil in us, that it do not work in our words and lives this day, to our own sorrow, and the danger of our neighbours. We lay the burden of our sinfulness upon Jesus Christ, the Lamb crucified for us; O Lord, glorify his affliction by accepting us for his sake.

Grant us thy holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts this day. O may we take delight in thinking of thy commandments, and in seeking to walk in them. As all our hope is in thy love to us, so may we love Thee above all things; striving to be one with Thee; and denying ourselves, and refusing our neighbour, if by any means we may draw our actions or thoughts nearer to Thee, O God. May we observe thy providence, read thy word; and do Thou bless and teach us aright. For nothing can save us, but Thou only; and with Thee is strength to carry us through all temptations, and to uphold us against this world: may we in very act and deed believe

this; and not trust in any way of our own. Grant us especially love and thought for others; that, enjoying the gifts of thy love, we may enter fully into that joy of love with hearts loving our neighbours, helping their schemes, blessing their wish and endeavours, uncovetous, truly contented in feeling and thought with those good things which Thou givest us; and glad to share them duly with our poorer neighbours, and enemies. O may we abhor all anger, clamour, evil surmising, wilfulness, carelessness, and self-indulgence: may we put these far from us, remembering that we can only come to God as our Father through Christ.

Look with thy blessing this day upon this household, and on all those connected with it. May all of us, and all thy professed people, live more and more in honesty of mind, and in trust upon thy power: and do Thou bless our lives with spiritual and temporal riches in their due season. Guide our rulers, and chief men, in the fear and love of thy name, unto truth, peace, and godliness; and bless their endeavours for the public good. Spread thy kingdom of truth, and especially thy plain and correct gospel truth, through the whole world, O Father Almighty; for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, our Judge and very present Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, from whose love and watchful care all our blessings come; we meet before Thee this evening as a family, to thank Thee once again for thy goodness, and to seek thy blessing and protection.

We come before Thee in the name of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who in thy name and to thy glory healed the distresses of sinful men, sought after the inconsiderate, healed those sick, upheld the broken-hearted, and pitied wickedness and distress; and who at length became a sacrifice for the sins of us and of any in the whole world who truly turn to Him. So have mercy upon us, O Father. We are assured, O God, that Thou dost love to glorify thy Son, and to heal those who call upon Thee in his name. We confess with grief, O God, the disease of our souls: we have not acted this day in his name as we ought to have done. We have not for his sake been lowly, and long-suffering towards those in error; we have not helped all we could help, nor blessed all we could have blessed; we have not trusted Thee in the path of simple duty, but have trusted our own ways, sought our own pleasures, and thought of our own praise. We have countenanced sin and covetousness out of reverence to each other; we have not remained as sheep in thy fold, to receive at thy hands the food which Thou canst give our souls,—even the peace which

passes all understanding. Yet to Thee alone may we look, as our earthly frame goes on continually towards decay. In many moments when we have had special opportunities for thought, we can now recall that we have not thought of truth and honesty, nor of Christ's example: so dead are our hearts to good! Thou art God, of whom cometh salvation; the Lord, by whom we escape death; and besides Thee there is no Saviour. O may we love Thee! Cleanse our hearts from the idolatry of soul which puts trust in earthly things, and thinks anything more important than thy commandment. Give us grace to follow from the heart every means to which Thou callest us, every good path to which Thou openest our eyes, trusting Thee to make it end in our peace; but may we abhor all which is evil, and which does not take its strength as from Thee. O God, make these the prayers of our hearts, not of our lips only; for these things are for our true happiness, and without them we shall perish everlastingly, and be separated from the blessed of heaven.

Look with pity and mercy upon all who are distressed, and in pain of body or spirit, this night; comfort them in their hour of trial; answer them in their appeals to Thee; and make their suffering help out salvation, or full joy, to themselves and others. And be with all, whether in health or weakness, who look up to Thee and call upon thy name this night. We ask this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and Head. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O GOD Almighty, in whom we live and move, by whose power we are sustained in all times and in all our employments: we approach thy footstool with thankfulness for thy great mercy to us in redeeming us, and saving us unto this day.

As Thou hast looked upon us, so leave us not, but continue with us in mercy. Hear us still, we beseech Thee, Almighty Father, for the sake of thy Son who suffered and died for us, and for thy great love with which Thou lovest all thy creatures. We are sinful, O blot out our sin; straying, but do Thou carry us back; ignorant, O let Christ answer for us. Suffer us not in our business or endeavours in this world to be trusting our own schemes, building on our own foundation, forgetful of thy unerring and holy laws and promises. Let us by thy holy Spirit strive earnestly in thy paths for every blessing to ourselves and neighbours. Let us in that Spirit count all worldly honours or powers vile, compared with thy blessing: and do Thou, O Lord, bless us both in our thoughts and works, that they may lead us to true happiness in the love and knowledge of Thee, and in the glorifying of thy name, to the blessing of all men.

And when we have done our utmost, according to the light of truth which Thou mayest vouchsafe us, and in obedience to thy written word, may we

always remember that thine hand only can give the increase to our labours, peace to our paths, and holiness and happiness to our prayers. And grant that both the rich man leave his care for riches, and the crooked man his thoughts—the riches of his imagination and ungodly lust. And when any thus look to Thee, in thankful honesty of heart, in faithfulness, and in trust upon the merits and intercession of thy Son, do Thou hear and preserve us, O Lord: forgive, help us, and love us, O Lord, God of our salvation, and guide us in peace and safety and blessing through the changes and storms of this present evil world.

And grant that all earthly rulers and potentates, and especially our Sovereign Queen, may be thankful to Thee for thy truest blessings; not dazzled by vain splendour, nor discontented from covetous desires: may they look indeed to Christ for safety, and to his Spirit for blessing and peace. Have mercy on all who are distressed or cast down in mind, body, or estate: may they not forget the mercies they enjoy; and above all may they seek, or treasure, that faith and hope in Thee which shall make them at last eternally blessed. Hear us, and guide our hearts in truth and faith this day, giving us thy earnest blessing; for Jesus' sake, thine anointed Son, our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O GOD, whose power has no bounds, and whose knowledge embraces all things, even our inmost thoughts and longings; we sinners come before Thee to praise Thee for thy past mercies, and to ask Thee both to strengthen our hearts against covetousness and sin, and to teach our minds the knowledge of thine everlasting truth. If we look back upon past years we are conscious, O God of tender mercy and compassion, of many sins from which Thou hast extricated our desires; of many evil and foolish passions which once possessed us, and were leading us in the ways of death, from which Thou dost now shelter us, and preservest us in greater wisdom and peace. As Thou lookedst upon us to pity and help us in time back, so now more abundantly continue to do so. To Thee we owe all our past salvation from sin; praised be thy name for these mercies: O continue to us thy help and forgiveness, unto eternal salvation. As Thou didst give to thine own Son, begotten in thy likeness, the very body and life of our lost and unhappy nature; so do Thou not hold back thy hand of mercy, but for thy love to Him, and through Him to us, perfect in us his likeness and spirit; giving us thy complete forgiveness for past sin, and thy holy Spirit to assure us of thy guidance, to point out our daily path, to warn us

from evil courses of thought and life; to change our hearts, and make us like-minded with Christ, thy Word.

O God, to whom all praise belongeth; who madest both rich and poor, and regardest not mens' persons; look with mercy upon thy whole church, and upon all mankind. May all regard thy ordinances; embrace with humility and content those duties Thou dost allot them; and faithfully seek to bless all with whom they have to do. And especially grant that all may seek to serve Thee, more than man; may learn to trust Thee, the Maker, and not things or men whom Thou hast made; so that they may never withhold themselves from faithfulness to thy commandments, remembrance of thy all-seeing eye, charitable affection to all people, nor from giving up worldly pleasure or gain for the sake of thy Spirit and peace.

Receive, we beseech Thee, these our thankfulness and trust, imperfect though they be; and hear and answer our desires; and bless us more than we can ask, in our thoughts and lives; for the sake of our sacrifice thy Son, who was slain for us; He, the just, for the sake of us, the unjust. Hear us in answer to his promises and prayers for us, O most gracious Creator and Father. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our ever glorious Creator, we praise thy holy name that we are once again awakened to the light of another day with health, strength, and comforts, not only in our bodies but in our spirits.

Teach us to feel the vanity of our own thoughts and wishes, as we approach the throne of thy Majesty in prayer this morning. Often have our thoughts for our future life or success deceived us; because we have not framed them according to thy word, nor loved to yield all to thy plans for us. Let us reflect how many we see around us who in seeking the shadow of wealth, social amiability, husbands or wives, knowledge or skill, have found these when acquired but vanity and sorrow, that neither have saved them, nor can endure at all. How many who are high or wealthy are finding more enduring pleasure in the recollection of the past than in the enjoyment of the abundance of the present! We acknowledge that nothing is to be desired in comparison of the life that Thou alone canst give us; which will be a life of thankful peace, and love of lasting pleasures, in Thee and in thy holy commandments; amidst whatever blessings or whatever straitness Thou givest us for our good. We pray Thee now to hear our faulty prayers, for the sake of the atonement of that Lamb without blemish or spot, who poured forth his life on Calvary, and placed his soul in thy hands, for the redemption of us miserable and helpless sinners.

Grant us grace to deny ourselves, and strength of spirit to walk uprightly this, and every day; by our

love and obedience praising Thee for the pleasures we now enjoy, and for our hopes of the future; never glorifying this sinful world by yielding it homage or obedience; but obeying Thee only, and glorifying Thee always by our faithfulness and contentedness and brotherly love. And do Thou work by our lives and faith to draw others to Thee, and especially our nearest relations and friends: bless them and us, that we may build one another up in thy word; in which, and in no other way, we may hope to do each other blessing and service. O bless our paths in this life: support our faltering hearts by blessing our duties. Check our wandering desires ere they lead us towards death; instruct us by thy providence to ourselves and our neighbours; and above all assure us by giving us hearts always turned towards Thee, as a living and real God, in gratitude and praise and prayer; making all our business a furthering of Christ's kingdom, to the peace and comfort of our lives.

Keep from sin and harm this day our Queen and governors; and lead all in authority, and especially in thy ministry, to serve and obey Thee. May their diligence in thy commandments, and boldness in thy name and pattern, be blessed by Thee to the turning of many into true paths. Pity all in adversity: guide the blind; relieve the broken-hearted; and let all men hear the message of thy glad tidings in Christ Jesus, and repent and live. Mercifully hear these prayers, and further the desires of us here assembled, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created living creatures in number like the sands of the sea-shore, or the flowers of the field; who, above all, art the Father of spirits, to whom we look for eternal life and happiness: have mercy upon us thy servants; bless us and prosper us in our bodies and lives; but rather defend and help our souls, that our hearts being pure and sincere, our words and works may be holy also.

We pray Thee to accept us, thy unworthy servants and disciples, in the sacrifice of thy Son: lay on Him, O most just and most merciful God, the sins which we most wickedly have committed in desire, and work, and indulgence: and grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not in future crucify our Lord afresh; nor spend our short time for improvement in heaping up afresh traitorous affections in our hearts, or putting to shame our loving Saviour. May we go forth in his Spirit; and may we make these prayers, with hearty desire, and with single hearts, not secretly careless or hating that blessing for which we come to Thee. We confess that our prayers have often been foolish and insincere; that so far from desiring thy pure and holy mercy, we have forgotten our requests as soon as our prayers were ended; that thy name has dropped from our thoughts and mouths; thy existence and presence has been slighted by our worldly hearts;

and that we have not taken sensible pains to remember thy precepts and words in their spirit and truth, nor to entreat thy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, and give us new and unselfish desires. From this ingratitude of heart and life we turn with abhorrence: the wages of such mistake and sin is death: time so carelessly spent is lost for all eternity. O create us anew; for we earnestly resolve to acknowledge Thee, and to love Thee for thy mercy to us. O give us hearts to love our own good, to cherish our own souls.

Look this night with mercy upon all dear to us; our brethren, kinsfolk, and friends: and upon all mankind. Especially bless thy chosen servants, who seek Thee by night and day; meet them, O God, this night; fill their hearts with pure gratitude, love, and consolation; and bless them speedily with a knowledge of Thyself. And forget not those who, led astray by vanity, and foolishly indulging lust, leaving truth to meditate on gain or on dark paths of insincerity, are falling fast into unhappiness, disappointment, and hell. Bear with them, O Lord: for thy Son's sake incline thine ear, when they call to Thee, and hear; and glorify thy name, and the sacrifice of thine anointed Son of man, by overcoming the evil One who would have their souls. Hear us, unworthy sinners, for Christ's sake. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD, the most high God, our only Creator, and our everlasting Father: we draw near to Thee again with thankfulness for thy continued mercies to us. Amongst so many who are in want or in sickness; in discontent or shame; under trouble from the harshness of this world, or from the restlessness of their own passions—amongst all, Thou, O God, hast so far spared us, far beyond the merit of our own hearts or lives! Of thy mercy and power only is it that we are preserved, and have any share of peace, brotherhood, and comfort: thine be the honour, and praise, and glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For his sake, and for his mediation, and in honour of his promises to us, continue to accept us this day; and grant us holy spirit, to grow more and more according to the likeness of thy Son; and finally make us completely partakers of his kingdom. Grant us grace this day to abhor the service of our flesh: grant that looking unto Thee, and judging according to the spirit, we may escape from the bonds of sinful flesh; from indolence and procrastination; from the bonds of lust, of self-indulgence, discontent, and covetousness; from judging

by appearance only, and uncharitableness, and pride: Oh may we this day kill these affections at all times, in all our occupations, and in all our intercourse. May we live to-day in prayer, and in earnest meditation upon thy ways and word; and do Thou, O Lord, grant us continually thy bread from heaven, which is not of earth but of heaven, that our spirits may be saved from confusion, our hearts from hardness, and our minds from perplexity. So, O Lord, may we be built up, thought by thought and deed by deed, upon thy Christ as our only foundation; so as to become precious buildings to his honour, built up unto a lasting continuance.

Build up also, we beseech Thee, in the fear of Thee and in the way of thy commandments, our Queen, and all rulers: bless and comfort all under human authority: may they remember that powers and authorities are ordained by God, and may they endeavour, by obedience and faithfulness in all right and just things, to make their service a blessing to themselves and those around them; being forbearing, meek, and loving, through Christ Jesus. And leave not thy people comfortless, but bless the fruits of the ground, and of their labour; and spread the light of thy truth through all the world: for Jesus Christ's sake, our Rock and Defender. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

THIS evening we, assembling together here at the close of another week, praise Thee for thy mercy to us in the past, and earnestly seek thy direction and help to the further amendment and peace of our lives in the future.

For the sake of Jesus Christ the Lamb of thy sacrifice, hear us and inspire our hearts; that we who attentively come to Thee this night in his name, and who desire to follow his pattern, may obtain from Thee blessing, and mercy, and acceptance. We have erred greatly, O Lord, in our hearts and lives during the past week: we have desired many things which we cannot have; we have done many things which have not helped us; we have looked for help to worldly precepts, and taken comfort in worldly maxims, or customs, or work. We have strayed from thy fold, and have not sought that bread from heaven, and that water of eternal life, which no earthly thing can give us; but which Thou, O Lord, hast promised, for no money, to them who ask Thee for it. O direct the thoughts of our hearts by thy holy Spirit, that we may ask Thee earnestly in the way Thou hast commanded, and lovingly look for thy Godly blessing.

O most merciful Father, the Father of spirits, who seest the very thoughts and desires of our hearts: Thou hast promised to us, of whatever station we be, or whatever the circumstances of our

family, that Thou wilt bear our sorrows and encourage our hearts. We confess that we have thought too little of this great promise, and have not come to Thee for this blessing, much as we have felt the need of comfort. We have been much absorbed in the cares of this world; in our family and amongst our neighbours, and in managing our worldly duties. Even in our common labours and desires we have forgotten Thee, and so have speedily fallen into temptations, to hastiness, ill-temper, discontent, lust, covetousness, and uncharitableness, in addition to the first chief sin of forgetting Thee. Grant then, O God, that in doing our worldly matters, we never put our spiritual trust, and gratitude, and Godly fear on one side; but that we may in future eat and drink, work and enjoy, to thy glory and the strengthening of our faith and love to Thee; remembering that Thou wilt be a God of hot and terrible vengeance to all them who forsake Thee for the things of this present life; to which we have been buried in baptism, in a figure.

May a spirit of wise faith, accompanied with thy blessing, rest this night on this country; on the Queen and nobles, and especially on the poor, and those who have passed the week in labour. O God, release their minds from earthly work and fears; encourage their hearts; and give them and us grace to spend the morrow faithfully withdrawing from toil and care, and looking to Thee to bless the day to us, to the good of our souls. All this we ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, infinite in power and in goodness, unfailing in justice and in consistency, invisible: we come to Thee, who art eternally true, and holy, and merciful, both to thank Thee specially for the protection and blessing of the past week, and to acknowledge our shortcomings, and to seek from thy mercy forgiveness and further blessing. Make us in earnest in dealing with Thee.

We thank Thee for thy great mercies to us: O accept our thankfulness for Jesus our Saviour's sake. We thank Thee especially for the trials and tests of Satan from which Thou hast preserved us; and also for those amid which Thou hast delivered us. All that we see of thy making is most pure, and true, and mighty; and we are rebellious: yet from heaven Thou hast looked, and had mercy upon us, our souls and bodies, in health and sickness, in prosperity and danger. O God, Thou in thy justice yet hast been able to bless the bodies, and even the souls, of us when we lived in sin; and we are still in receipt of mercies: as Thou dost bless us in forbearance, when thoughtless and altogether blind; so, and much more also, do Thou bless us in love, to forgive us and redeem us in Christ, in eternal things, now that we humbly call upon Thee in his name in some degree

of the light of thy Spirit, in some measure of the faith to which Thou hast promised all petitions.

Grant, O Lord, God of spirits, that we may seek Thee this day in purity, humility, and faith, and in thy peace of heart. May we go forth, this one day in seven, not to work our own schemes, as in the week, but to put ourselves in the way of thy gifts; looking away from our self-scheming and lusts, and looking up to Thee and to thy word, and to our Christian neighbours and fellow-men, in trustful boldness. O may we always strive, as well as pray —and do Thou grant—that the light of thy gospel may be shown most plainly, and truly and clearly, to all and every rank; that those who are rich and learned, who have the key of knowledge (especially those in the ministry of thy Church), may be the happy instruments of laying it most simply and truly before the eyes and understandings of the thousands of labouring poor.

Thus may we, our colonies and dependencies, be one fold, under one Shepherd, the Man our example and sacrifice, the God our intercessor. May we mutually pray for, forgive, and be thoughtful for, one another this day. Grant these our imperfect desires, for the sake of thy only Son, our strength and Redeemer. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this day of rest of thine own free gift; Lord, owner of all things, creator of day and night, who hast given us one day in seven free from worldly toil for subsistence, and hast sanctioned our resting on that day from labour, and hast given us so many means of hearing of Thee, and thanking Thee, and praying to Thee, and loving Thee on this thy holy day: O may this blessing sink into our hearts; and may we be thankful; and always bold to take for thy glory the day which Thou hast given us; and to thank Thee, by obeying Thee and hallowing all our sabbaths.

O Lord, may we always be strong to show to Thee our thankfulness for a day of rest and all-important reflection, a day of promised blessing to our hearts and substance. May we show our thankfulness by giving ungrudgingly to each of our neighbours, whether in station above or below us, this same gift; not demanding their services, not criticising their conduct, not enticing their thoughts on thy holy day; for they who do this are rebelling against their most high God. O let us give them freely, what Thou hast given us and them. May we (always in the strength of thy Son's forgiving grace) show our thankfulness to Thee more immediately in the ensuing week; by trusting to Thee as our benefactor; by feeling thy presence, equally as that of our neighbours; by looking to thy help, with peni-

tence and prayer, in all the matters of our daily lives. May we henceforth show our confidence that the God who has made the Sabbath will bless us in the week, with his almighty aid. Let us, by the happiness and improvement we have gained this day, learn to trust and seek after spiritual things; knowing their value, and our need of them, and that God looks with favour on those who seek Him as a Spirit, and learn to trust the truth of his promises. Let us remember that He who has said, Remember the Sabbath-day, has said also, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what drink; and let us seek only the kingdom of God, who will bless those who are seeking after Him, bountifully.

O let thy kingdom come nigh unto all lands; may all nations hear thy gospel, and may all who hear or read it cherish it, and obey it, and look to Thee for grace, and for acceptance into thy kingdom for ever. Bless our native land; may poor and rich search out thy laws, and, despising the flesh, hold to those blessings which can never perish, love, peace, thankfulness, and trust: and enable us of thy goodness, each and all, to shake off all sins and corrupting imaginations which tie our nation down in grossness and ill. Hear us, O Lord, and accept our praises, and fill our hearts with true gratefulness and trust, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Redeemer and only salvation. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

ETERNAL Father of us all, Thou who madest all things by thy word, Thou who hast given to each thing its laws, and designedst in them all the beauty and order which we see,—we draw nigh to thy throne this morning, desiring hearts to trust fully Thee and thy powerful word. In Thee are all our hopes; we are sheep of thy pasture; and what Thou withholdest we cannot obtain.

We praise Thee for thy truth and righteousness' sake;—where Thou encouragest us, we trust Thee; what Thou promisest, we are sure that Thou wilt perform; and what Thou restrainest us from, we know is hurtful and deceptive. And, O Lord, especially we adore Thee for thy mercy towards us: all our growth in purity, all our knowledge of truth, and our strength in faith, is of thy power, who givest life to us while we are dead to Thee. Thou hast purchased our souls from death, by giving up thine own Son to death. Look graciously upon us, O King of kings, for his sake; receive us as thy adopted heirs in Him: as a father pitieth his babe, and is long-suffering and merciful; much more do Thou pity our helplessness and our wants, for the sake of the love and sacrifice of thy eternal Son.

O grant us this day, and on every day of this ensuing week, the gift of thy holy Spirit: that in every work and employment we may be bold to work for Thee, the God of all; and in every endeavour look for thy upholding goodness. Grant that we may always gladly remember and obey Thee; may our pleasure be in trusting Thee. May we indeed so trust Thee that we may never fear to love what is right; to look to Thee more than to man; and to give up all longing desires after earthly things. May we thus walk as thy children soberly, rightly, and godly in this present life: with peace in our consciences, and good will to all men in our hearts, and a joyful hope of everlasting rest. And do Thou graciously reveal Thyself to us.

Bless this day our Queen, and all raised to any authority; may they walk humbly before Thee, and by thy help be shining lights before men. Bless our kindred, and especially our family; granting us thy continual forgiveness, and the help of thy holy providence, and the blessing of worldly fruits in their right season. And may we all in our walk to-day remember thy covenant, and set forth thy glory, and the praise of thy only-begotten Son. For whose sake we pray Thee graciously to grant these imperfect petitions, and to accept our unworthy praise. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

EVER-LIVING Creator, the Almighty God, who hast made all things according to thy own will, and for thine own glory; we praise thy holy name for the great mercy of thy designs, for the truth and purity of thy never-failing laws, and for the love Thou bearest to those whom Thou hast created. Especially we thank Thee for thy forbearing tenderness to us sinful and helpless creatures; for the great sacrifice of thy dearly beloved Son, whereby Thou hast reconciled us unto Thyself; and for the continual blessing of thy holy Spirit working amongst us. For thy Son's sake accept us this evening; hear his intercession for us; honour his righteousness by accepting us; glorify his name by pouring upon us thy holy Spirit to rule, and give real life to our hearts, and to direct our desires this night.

Our own failures and wickedness have brought us very low: as fathers we have taken care to have our children trained in obedience to earthly knowledge and habits; we have not always refrained from putting their hope and confidence in worldly skill: as children we have put our treasure in earthly vessels; and have sought worldly fortunes with desire and confidence: we have all hardened our hearts towards our destitute brothers, without cause; and have despised the cause of those over whom we have had control: we have trusted proudly in our

worldly position; and have not continually been humble before Thee, who canst at any moment send forth thy decree to change our fortunes, or to call back our life: we have lusted over tales and thoughts of calumny; which estranged our thoughts from the fear of Thee, and from innocence of heart before men: we have indulged in society and conversation in which we have seen danger, without asking thy help, nor honestly purposing to keep before all things thy commands: we have not been humble, grateful, thoughtful of good, and faithful in our paths. O Jehovah, we have in many things used thy name but have not known Thee; we have been living unto death, and deserving of the pangs of hell. Awake us, O Lord, to our fearful danger, and to thy still continued calling; grant us help to come to Thee in Him in whom alone we can see Thee and know Thee: may we copy his ways (for they alone are ways of life), search out his spirit (for it only is the spirit of life), and seek thy gracious help and protection, for Thou raisedest Him from the dead, and alone canst raise up us also.

Beseeching Thee to pour thy healing Spirit upon the souls and bodies of all our brethren in the world, of our nation, and of our kinsfolk; to make our hearts faithful, and clean, and loving; and to give us an eternal life: we close our imperfect petitions in the name of Jesus Christ, our good Shepherd. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our Maker, our strength and Redeemer, who still keepest us in ignorance of many sorrows, alive and well this morning; mercifully grant that our hearts may now be drawn to Thee, and we make every prayer from a hearty desire to live to-day nearer to Thee in trust and holiness; in remembrance of Thee, and of those poorer than we. Believing in Thee, may we trust that all the laws of so great a God are good, and strive to keep each one with honest and faithful hearts, and value it above worldly advice, or temptations, or pleasures. Yea grant, O good and jealous God, that throughout this ensuing day, in labour, or thought, or companionship, we put not our trust and thought in the mercies which Thou art giving us, so as ever to be forgetting that it is Thou who art our only strength, and that to Thee we owe all our pleasure and life; and that to love Thee is true gratitude and true wisdom and peace. Thus indeed may we count no sacrifice too dear, which may at all draw the hearts of ourselves or our neighbours toward the mercy-seat of Christ, in the obedience which bringeth peace. May we take continual pains to study thy word, and to leave nothing undone which may guide us to the spirit of thy commandments. And accept us to-day in all our endeavours for Jesus Christ's sake; and

give us life in his Spirit. May we and our dear relations and friends, in our endeavours to do our duty, find out by thy gift that trust in Him, by which we shall lay upon Him the burden of all our care, and obey Thee to-day in sincerity and self-forgetfulness, in the spirit of purity and meekness; shining as lights amongst ourselves. And wherever Thou mayest place us in the world, may we grow in the image and likeness of our dear Lord and Saviour. And besides asking for thy mercies and forgiveness to ourselves, we pray the same for thy whole Church, and for all mankind: root out from among us superstition, unbelief, and ungodliness; lead us as a nation to respect thine ordinances, and to wait upon Thee as Thou hast appointed.

Spread the trust in thine Anointed, and the knowledge that He has been crucified for our sins, and raised again for our acceptance. Spread this faith especially in the hearts of thy chosen people Israel; that so they may be grafted again into the true vineyard of Christ. Pity those harassed by oppression and wrong; give them a special measure of thy Spirit and mercy. Relieve the sick and distressed, and rear them up in the fear of Thee, and to the hope of an eternal inheritance. Hear this, our imperfect prayer, for the sake, and for the honour, of our High Priest, and Prophet, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

HUMBLE at heart, we kneel before Thee this evening, Lord God, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; who judgest our very inmost thoughts, and requirest account of them here, or wilt require it hereafter. In fault as we have been this day, we now pray Thee to look upon us with a reconciled countenance, and for Jesus Christ's sake to bear with us, and to lay on Him completely all the ignorance and iniquity of us all. We have crucified Him afresh this day; glorify Him afresh this evening, O Lord, by accepting us for his sake.

Our walk this day has been selfish; we have felt too little compassion for our brethren, we have shown too little charity to thy chosen few, who are striving in Christ to live a holy and uncorrupt life. Teach us, O Father, by thy holy Spirit, never to be busy only with our own schemes, happy at our own pleasure, and treating roughly or looking ill upon the schemes of others, in our thoughts or behaviour. We have indeed gloried in thy blessings of comfort, peace, and sound judgment; and despised those who had them not. We have sought blessings for the enjoyment of them; not that we may in them show our gratitude to Thee, and our love to our neighbour: we have valued earthly comforts, and thoughts, and enjoyments more than our neighbour's spirit, so that

we have held to the first at the expense or to the neglect of the other. And above all we have by the blessing of this day, with its glory and health, not been turned continually to Thee in gratitude and trust. O grant that we may, henceforth, be continually in our hearts loving to do our duties more and more, as thy blessings are more and more multiplied: knowing for sure that Thou art wishing to give us happiness in purity and permanence. O God, forgive our blindness, ingratitude, and hardness of heart; and teach us to think for others as for ourselves, and all in Thee and for Thee. So shall thy great blessing rest upon us, thy light guide us, thy hands uphold us as we go: and thy Spirit dwelling in us shall make us more and more like our blessed Saviour, who gave his life into thy hands, and is raised into eternal glory.

Pour thy special gifts of truth, wisdom, and faith upon our Queen, princes, and all in the slippery and deceptive posts of worldly authority and honour. Forgive them, and us, and our near and dear relations and friends; and fill our hearts with the spirit of humility, content, honesty, and peace; and grant that we may in our thoughts this night put no trust in worldly things, visible or invisible, enjoyment, nor riches, nor honour, nor power; but look to Thee honestly as the Maker of all, and the Guide and Giver of all things: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY, ever-living God; who didst manifest thy great abhorrence of sin by requiring the sacrifice of thine own beloved Son, in order to redeem us sinners, and to put away our sin from us: Grant us this day that in thy holy Spirit we may hate all sin, and all sinful thought; and seek to love Thee, and not to tempt Thee, in everything that we think or do. Thus may we enjoy a foretaste of heaven.

And accept our imperfect services, and bless us in them, for the sake of this thy beloved Son. He was born and laboured, was deserted and slain for us, who were dead in sin; O much more leave us not, whom Thou hast called, and who now call upon Thee: in Him we entreat Thee, and trust our lives and hearts to Him. And now, O Lord, that we, most sinful creatures, do approach Thee, forgive us all presumption of thought or spirit; grant that we may not, like Judas, love wickedness in a presumptuous and falsehearted trust in Thee; but may be lowly in our own eyes before Thee, as those who would die to their sinful nature, and are helpless, waiting if Thou wilt in goodness and power raise us up in a new nature, to a living trust; not in a carnal perishable existence, but in true joys, true hopes, and everlasting life, in thy Son.

O Lord, all powerful, help us to use this world so as to strengthen thereby our immortal souls. In each thing we do, we need thy help; may we seek it in meekness, and in thy Spirit. We desire to serve Thee; but our desires are weak: we desire to subdue all our conversation and behaviour, our eating, and resting, and working thoughts, so as to serve Thee in them according to thy holy word; and to have our hearts always looking to Thee, as ever present, with gratitude, trust, and love. Yet in everything we stumble much. Lord Jesus, be to us a constant High Priest, making atonement for us by thine own blood to the Father; to cleanse each thing we do, each business we transact, each method we choose.

Gracious Lord, extend thy love unto all lands, and to all people. May thy providence mercifully encircle them in all their various customs and employments; and may thy grace be with them: and grant them a knowledge of thy gospel, and a faithful turning to Thee. Bless our own family, both here and absent, and our relations and friends; make our hearts faithful, obedient, and loving, and our paths plain. And so bless all thy faithful people. Hear us on earth, O Father: hear us, from heaven thy dwelling-place; for the mediation and intercession of Jesus thine anointed Son for us. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

MERCIFUL Lord, whose almighty hand has been working around us this day, and has sustained us in so much health, happiness, and protection; mercifully be with us especially, as we now kneel before Thee; put thy Holy Spirit in our hearts, and a living truth in our inmost affections.

We acknowledge that this day we have not lived as we ought. We have forgotten Thee our Maker, and our forgetfulness has brought forth its fruit in faults. We have gone astray in trusting to earthly things and employments: and so have lost much happiness, peace, and instruction; and have thrown back our hearts from trust in Thee, and the fear of thy commandments. O forgive us every hasty passion, every fretful thought, every carelessness in forgetting thy continual presence and watchful care, in which alone we have our being; and especially forgive our hardness of heart, our feeling so little and so cold an affection for Thee, for our neighbours, and for the creatures submitted to our charge. O may we, in time, remember that for everything which Thou givest us we must one day give account; and may we use every duty, every privilege, and every trust in such a way as to give peace to our consciences, and warmth to our holy affections. Let us lay up treasures in heaven, in things which fade

not, nor can be corrupted; and do Thou, O Lord, accept our endeavours, pardon our shortcomings, and give us thy protection and blessing here, and for ever.

And to this end, and in this spirit, O God, we desire always to rejoice in the spread of thy kingdom. Help us in our professions, while we seek to oblige our employers, or honour our superiors, above all to rejoice in, and help, and imitate those who use this world in thy fear, and who satisfy worldly requirements in order to live to Thee. May we shrink from those who live for worldly indulgence. Thus may we, in practising our calling, never cease to love those best who love Thee best; and to look to them for happiness, rather than to those who hold to the world. And do Thou, O God, accept our love for Thee in them, for the Lamb of God's sake; and draw us nearer to Thee in love for ever and ever: we and they in him, and he in us; to thy honour and eternal glory and majesty. And so lead all, in all employments, nations, and tongues, to the throne of thy Lamb.

To thy protection we prayerfully commit ourselves, and our friends, this night; and the cause of all who are suffering, or in spiritual or bodily need; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O MERCIFUL God, our ruler and upholder; who hast made all things, and guidest all things; from Thee we expect hereafter to receive judgment,—death or salvation; and in everything, unless Thou helpest and savest us, we cannot earn peace and success. O forgive us our past sins, and ignorances; our shortcomings and faults; and especially our ingratitude towards Thee. We have sinned against ourselves and our own aims, and especially against Thee, our heavenly Father: merciful Lord, forgive us for the sacrifice of thy Son, Christ Jesus; and renew us for his sake in holiness, gratitude, and continual trust on Thee, our merciful Creator and King.

We thank Thee for the blessings of the past night, for our health and continued bodily comfort and powers: but especially that Thou hast been pleased to grant us thy holy Spirit, to direct our thoughts to Thee, and to fix our affections and plans upon thy mercy. Grant us this day a right spirit in whatever authority thy providence may place us. Grant this, both to those who are by birth our Queen and rulers, and to us all, employers or servants, fathers or mothers, husband or wife, whom Thou hast raised by thy blessing to any spiritual power. May we remember

that all men are our brethren, that all our good things come from Thee; and may we remember that it was to Thee we prayed for blessings when we were poor or empty: let us then love Thee and hold to thy precious commandments, now that Thou hast filled us with good in answer to our prayer. May we walk in assurance that beside us there is another, who will require from us mercy and humility and obedience, and daily attention to his word, as He has ever been merciful and humble, and attentive and true. May we amid the cares and entanglement of this day continually reflect upon, and praise Thee for thy great blessings: bless our behaviour and conversation with thy grace and wisdom; fill our wishes and hopes with meekness and love; strengthen us to do our duty faithfully, knowing that thy laws are the truest happiness; and may we love, during this our short life, to exhibit to all thy power and goodness, to the present and everlasting good of all around us. Thus, we entreat Thee, make us all members of Christ's body, members one of another; to our own happiness, the glory of one another, and above all to the praise and honour of our Lord Jesus through all ages.

Take us this day under thy Fatherly protection, O God, and bless us in all our ways, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Life and Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast made us, and provided for us mercy and peace; turn our hearts to Thee this evening, that we may cease from foolish and worldly thoughts, to seek from Thee that true food of the Spirit and of life, without which we shall assuredly some day perish miserably.

O Lord, when tempted to sin, may we flee to Thee for succour. And in earnest that Thou wilt receive us whenever we seek Thee, accept us now: accept our imperfect homage and affection and prayer; for we give Thee the best we can, we desire now to seek Thee on our knees most earnestly: hear us, and mercifully forgive us our sin and frailty, which we have this day been guilty of in wish, affection, and deed; and strengthen and renew us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, and to seek Thee in every part of our time and employment with greater faith and truth. May we henceforth, and especially we would ask for this night, trust Thee wholly, and walk in thy word dutifully; remembering thy power, which alone sustains us, and the price which Thou hast paid to redeem us: so in our thoughts and desires may we be truly thine, glorifying Thee by trusting ourselves to Thee; coming to Thee through Christ, not seeking our own pleasure, nor coveting

our own honour, but obediently trusting all things, from the bottom of our hearts, to thine all-gracious favour and wisdom. O accept our souls in Him; forgive us in Him; and for his sake give us thy holy Spirit, as a foretaste of a life in his kingdom in heaven, where the light of his truth shall shine so brightly as to clear away all darkness, hesitation, and weakness. Thus, O Lord, bless us, that the seeds of eternal peace may indeed take root and grow in us; that happiness may grow up in our hearts, and knowledge of thy will and ways may, both by night and by day, fill our understanding; blessings strong and lasting, which Thou lovest to protect and to increase, and to which death will be the gate unto perfection in Christ, and not a passage into darkness and hell.

Grant, that we and all thy church may, with thy guidance, cherish those divine blessings of which we read, and which, in our best moments, we wish to possess,—obedience to Thee, our Maker and our living God; trust in Thee and in thy Son Jesus Christ; faithfulness to Christ's merciful covenant; and abhorrence of restless lusts, and habits which war against our soul. Thus may we, our rulers, our friends, and our poor neighbours, be one in Thee; all blessed by thy help, all looking to the same eternal hope, all in peace with our common God, and in goodwill towards one another. Thus may all the earth be speedily united to Thee. We ask all in our Saviour's name, and for his sake and glory. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY, but most merciful Father; who madest man in thine own image, pure and happy; and who, when by his sin He died before Thee, didst pity our lost state, and redeemedst us by giving thine only and beloved Son to be a sacrifice and a curse for us. Thou madest this world good, and cursedst it also for man's sake. We praise thy name, most holy Father, for these thy boundless mercies; we desire heartily to give Thee full glory for thy goodness, by hating our corrupt nature. For Christ's sake alone we pray Thee now to accept our gratitude, though it is so faulty, and to strengthen and accept our trust to Thee; to the saving of our souls from the torment of hell.

And may we this day praise thy goodness to us in heart and deed, as well as word. Thou hast indeed spared us in peace through the night, and given us to our home, and comforts, and occupations for another day: though we are corrupt, vile, and in our nature hostile to Thee. So let us be to others as Thou art to us: as Thou hast been first merciful; may we glorify thy mercy by following thy steps. May nothing be too small or too vile, that we may not bless it as thy work, and hate to be careless in doing destruction or harm. And above all things

may we glorify thy Spirit, their Creator, using all to his glory, in his laws, and to the strengthening of our Christian virtues.

And, O Lord, to whom shall we look for strength and growth, except to Thee? There is no other thing under heaven that is worthy of our desires, and prayers, and hearts this day. May we study thy word; may we reject angry passions, longing wayward desires, covetousness, evil thinking, and love of ensnaring indulgences. May we love to live in thy presence, as in the sight and amidst the creation of a real and living God: who has sworn to raise up and save those who die to worldly ways, in the name and pattern of his Son, Christ Jesus; and has sworn that that is the only way to be accepted by himself. Teach us, O Lord, in thy Spirit, to delight in that which is good; to look at and act upon the good which is in our neighbours, to abhor evil, and to leave caring for the worldliness of our friends or our company.

Hear us, O Lord, and bless in all good things our nation, our friends, our poor, and rich: and look with mercy and help upon thy whole world; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Saviour and King. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O GOD, Almighty Spirit, in whose excellent power and majesty all things were created, and now exist: grant us, for thy Son's sake, who is our High-priest and Redeemer, thy Fatherly mercy, and favour, and help this evening, while we kneel to Thee here, and when we lie down on our beds to rest this night.

We acknowledge, with thankfulness, thy mercies to us in the past day. Thou hast maintained us in health and content, and in thy merciful care and discipline; and our family still in union and peace; and our neighbours and nation. We bless Thee for thy continual mercy, O great God, to us feeble and erring creatures; we love Thee more, and trust Thee more, and desire to obey Thee and be more like Thee, and we look to Thee to help us from the burden of our remaining sins: for all our experience of Thee is good. O accept us in Christ; wash our iniquities in his blood; purge out the errors of our lives in the atonement of his death; and as He laboured for our good, so do Thou, O God, love to help us for his sake; and guide and bless our path, in every place and at all times.

O Father of spirits, give us hearts to love Thee in spirit and in truth. Let us not think to serve Thee by enjoying thy gifts, by working in our calling, by taking care to make the most of worldly advantages;

for this is mocking thy majesty and power; it is forgetting to look to thy law, in the trust of our own way. Thou canst create more than we can do; and Thou desirest from us a lowly spirit, and a contrite heart; a thankful continual remembrance of Thee, and a continual trusting in Thee, not in life and work. O Lord God, we cannot think aright, except by thy holy Spirit filling our hearts; we cannot see the vanity of our dearest earthly longings, and firmest earthly trusts and hopes, except by thy help. We cannot love our brethren except by thy cleansing our selfish hearts. O fill our hearts with a true and faithful spirit; granting us to seek the Creator more than the creature; to trust the legislator more than our strength in his laws. May we die to this world: and do Thou, O God, leave us not; but for Christ's sake, not for our deservings, continually renew us, in everlasting life, and strength, and trust; to his honour and glory; and thine in Him. Thus may we rejoice holily in thy salvation, merciful Lord.

Keep, this night, O God, the souls and bodies of thy faithful people; may they grow by thy mercy in continual health and comfort, until Thou shalt separate them, for a season. Look in compassion on those whose sin clings to them fast: correct them, but with great mercy, O Lord; overcoming sin in Christ's death, and drawing the hearts of all to trust in Him. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our Redeemer, the fountain of all good; Thou in thy might hast made the world which we behold; grant that we ever look upon it with a blessing to Thee in our hearts, and a desire to learn of Thee, and of thy mercy, from the sight of thy creatures. And may we all learn to talk of Thee and of thy attributes with our lips, while we consider together the things which Thou hast created. Thou hast mercifully spared us up to this day; Thou hast supplied all our wants, small and great, mean or honourable: O Lord, while we bless Thee for this thy great favour to us, we beseech Thee also to give us hearts like-minded with Thee, so that we may despise *none* of thy works, nor of thy creatures, but bless them in our hearts for thy sake, our Creator, and theirs. May we not use them, nor take away life, except for thy service and glory—never to fulfil appetites, which we ought to destroy and bury in Christ. O hear us, and hasten thy kingdom when all shall know and serve Thee in happiness, and faithfulness, and a holy spirit; for thy love and righteousness' sake.

We confess, merciful Father, that we fall very far short, in love and willingness; in doing good, and hating harm; in gratitude, and humble faithfulness: in all these things, and many others, we come far short; and are blind, and ignorant, discontented, and

foolish. O bear with us, who hate our sinfulness, and restore us for the sake of Him by whom Thou showest mercy to sinful, ungrateful men; Him whom thy word declares, the Lamb of God, the word and truth of God, thy only Son, thine anointed Saviour. Pardon our errors and wickedness for his sake; save us from temptation, and sorrow, and from death; and renew us in truth and purity, unto everlasting life; according to the price He has paid, and thy love to Him.

Bless, this day, our Queen, and rulers in state, civil jurisdiction, or private power; turn their hearts and desires to Thee, which is the only path to happiness, contentment, and straightforwardness of heart. Help the clergy of thy Churches, and especially of our English Established Church; may they adapt her ordinances to thy word, and to the good of souls: and may they all give the key of knowledge faithfully to all men, in truth, goodwill, and lowliness; and may they well discharge their duties under thy blessing; overcoming temptation, checking evil, and blessed in their homes, and congregations, and estates. And guide all thy people, and especially those peculiarly thine, who acknowledge Thee, and are trusting in a Divine Saviour. Lead us closer and closer to Thee, and spread thy word unto all people. Grant thy blessing to those in distress; and may those who suffer, and those who minister, and all others, be drawn thereby, closer to Thee, and to brotherly love and earnestness. Grant this, and all our private supplication, for Jesus, our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

WE are met together this evening, the last of another week, to seek thy blessing, O Almighty God, as our Father in Christ; to praise Thee thankfully for thy mercies, and to bury our many offences, and confess our weakness, by turning our thoughts anew to Thee, in Christ Jesus; trusting in thy gracious help, and in the promises Thou hast made to them who turn their thoughts from the things of the world to Thee.

Thou hast indeed blessed us with great help. Thy Spirit has spoken to our consciences; thy light has shown Thee to us as our Saviour; thy strength has been granted to our prayers, both in spiritual and earthly things. We lament that we have not trusted Thee more when our conscience warned us; turned more heartily and wisely to our most merciful and ready Saviour; and sought more lovingly for greater help from thy Spirit: but we have connived at sin; we have by many neglects scoffed at hell, and been ashamed of Thee. O turn our sinful hearts into paths of life and peace.

Accept us in Christ our Saviour: for the sake of his life of love, suffering, and desertion; for his agony, faithfulness, and death; in his resurrection and ascension; deliver us, good Lord. Forgive us in

Him, and give us his holy Spirit, as a foretaste of life in his kingdom in heaven, where there is no darkness, nor hesitation, nor weakness, nor folly.

And to this end, and in this spirit, we desire, O God, always to be built up in thy kingdom, and to rejoice in seeing, and furthering its spread. May we use our daily profession as an instrument in thy hands to our lasting inheritance, to practise us, and strengthen us in piety, trustful obedience, and brotherly love. While we here serve our employers, and bend to superiors; let us, above all, rejoice to see and encourage those who use the world in thy fear, and who seem to satisfy worldly requirements, in order to live in what is higher. Let us not seek the praise of those who live for worldly indulgence. May we, and all men, learn to love those best, who love Thee best, and to contemplate such for our own happiness, rather than those who most advance our worldly profit. Thus shall we do to others as we would have them do to us, in the spirit of firmness and truth. Thus may all the world be united and built up in Christ; the only good foundation.

Finally teach us, and all thy people, and all mankind, to think of thy name with careful purity and reverence, whether in secret prayer, or public devotion, by day or by night. And hear our prayers, and bless us beyond our utmost prayer; for Jesus Christ's sake; our merciful and holy Saviour. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O LORD, the Protector, Guide, and Counsellor of thy true assembly of holy people, whom Thou hast in such measure redeemed, and nurtured in sound trust and affection, and who are looking to Thee alone for life, blessing, and peace; Thou who art our sure and unfailing Saviour in anything which we ask Thee for faithfully: to Thee, O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we now come, to entreat Thee to accept our thanksgiving and prayers and love for his sake. Count us not ungrateful nor evil; but lay upon Christ our iniquity, and glorify his death and sacrifice for our salvation, by making us henceforth pure and ransomed, and alive in thy sight, who art God alone.

We ask for thy special love and protection this day, a day which Thou didst set apart for man's worship and blessing from the beginning of our time. We are conscious that we have in days past wavered between Thee and the world; we have been prone to serve deceitfulness, and to follow after lust, or anger, or pride, or means of indolence, which perish in the using,—which we see failing to promote the happiness of thousands: we thank Thee, God of heaven, that Thou hast from heaven at all regarded our sinful hearts and ways; and hast in mercy helped us, in our sin and weakness; strengthening us at all to resist sin, give up such folly, and know and cleave to Thee. Such strength and peace have seemed thy greatest and most living mercy, at many points of

our lives; by Thee good has sprung even from evil; —trust and love and humility from the snare of Satan. O God, we pray Thee much more to complete thy salvation, to the full glory of Jesus Christ, who gave himself as the price of our salvation. Give us this day such holy peace and love, and trust to Thee, such thankfulness and true humility of spirit, that we may utterly deny worldly longings, may banish from our minds hopes and labours as far as they affect this life only; knowing that our hearts will not be left thereby empty and desolate; but trusting and praying to Thee, to fill and renew our hearts according to thy holy and imperishable Word, and in the image of his resurrection from the dead. So shall eternal life be given us, and our salvation be perfected, and thy mercy and love, through thy Son, be praised more and more before men and angels.

And may we look abroad to-day with purity and brotherly love; avoiding scenes of folly; loving to extend our own blessings to our neighbours and relations. May we look abroad with prayer that not in our own hearts only, but in thy works and providence, and word, we shall find thy abundant strength and glory, and see thy mercy to thy creatures, and to our neighbours. Above all, bless them who seek Thee this day in thy peculiar assemblies for praise, and fellow-countenance, and prayer. Bless us collectively and individually, and make us, in deed and truth, members one of another in Christ; hear us, heavenly Father, for his sake. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD Almighty, whom we serve and worship as the only God and Creator of all things, both visible and invisible, of kingdom and people, of man and life, of trust and love; to Thee we look for all blessing: and while we praise Thee for the unspeakable blessings of our past life, we are bold to seek from thy Fatherly hands more lasting and sure gifts, and a happier inheritance in our future. Grant, O heavenly King, that we, who have received so much at thy hands, may never forget Thee in our hearts. Also Thou who hast done away the iniquity of our errors, in the blood of thine only and anointed Son, grant us, for his sake, thy spirit of truth and holiness, that we may not let our errors pass by unrepented of; but may examine our hearts, and cease from cherishing the thought that has ensnared or blinded us, howsoever it may have entangled our affections. O teach us to love Thee above all things; and to apply our hearts unto wisdom.

So, Almighty Father, may we obtain thy strength, not only in our perishable bodies, but by thy Spirit in our imperishable souls; and so may we, comparing our errors and our hearts by thy holy word, learn to know for sure the path we are walking in; and by thy great strength hold boldly to the ways of peace;

to the path of holy faith upon Thee; of sobriety, brotherly love and nurture, and continual godliness. O preserve ourselves and our nation from excess, repining, ill suggestions, and thinking of evil things; may our trust and hope of all salvation be upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; may we follow Him, doubting nothing: knowing certainly that if we die to the world in following his example and commands, Thou who raisedst Him from the dead wilt raise up us, to his glory; both as a nation in this world, and as a peculiar people living in a lasting and imperishable kingdom.

O holy Spirit of God, be with us, both to rear us heart and soul in the kingdom of Christ, and also to bless us for his sake in this life of trial and weakness; that we, our near friends and relations, and all for whom we would especially pray, may in thy strength triumph over Satan and sin; and avoiding mutual temptation, may be built together in holy faith, and perfect righteousness, and be protected, by thy good working, from all ills. Hear us, holy Spirit; hear us, O God, our Father in Christ; and remember our prayer, and strive for us when our hearts are blind and forgetful; for the sake of the Lord of holiness and might, thy Son, whom Thou lovest. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

LORD, God of hosts, powerful over the rulers and princes of earth; Thou gavest us the Sabbath as a day of rest and holy meditation; perfect thy blessing, now that Thou hast mercifully spared us to begin the week, by strengthening our souls in holiness, our paths in righteousness, and our hearts in love. Thine is the glory and power, given only in Christ Jesus our Lord; for his sake accept our adoration and prayers, and grant that amid the blessings vouchsafed to us in this life, we may have our hearts set upon richer treasures in heaven.

We thank Thee for thy great love to us among our manifold errors, and ignorance, and double-mindedness. We fail, O do Thou give to us: we are unjust, O do Thou spare: we are unthankful, O do Thou look at Christ's obedience: we mistrust, O do Thou exercise us in mercy. Do Thou, O Lord, bless us both in our imaginations, and affections, and deeds. Grant that we may walk in the path of worldly success and blessing, with self-denial, free from worldly panic, or fashions, or lusts; loving what is chaste, just, charitable, for its own sake in Thee, and not for selfish greediness; that so we may die unto error and sin, and may by Thee be mercifully preserved in peace and content, and obtain in this world's good a foretaste of a more blessed and lasting inheritance;

living in singleness of heart, and in Godly sincerity. But whatever thy good pleasure may provide us in this life, whether it be fleshly success which brings its cares as well as blessings, its barriers as well as facilities; or whether it be a chastening and purifying life of trial under thy Fatherly rod; in all cases and at all times may we strive only for a heavenly crown; may we set our hearts faithfully upon certain, unmixed, and eternal blessings; may we trust only the Spirit of Christ, who was a sacrifice, to whom Thou hast given a kingdom.

May all Christian people, who are blessed with the light of thy word, read it, consider it, and study it, with pen and memory, with pure consciences and faithful hearts, set towards thy mercy-seat for help, and purity, and wisdom; and do Thou, who hast made the world, and hast brought us so far through it, grant us thy full and most perfect blessing. Bless those who have dedicated their earthly life entirely to thy mission. May the pure and undisguised word be administered through their labours, freely, fearlessly; both by active deeds, true and simple books, sound and affectionate preaching, and faithful, sensible Church management. Hear our imperfect prayers, and bless thy whole creation with mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, who overcame even death for us. Amen.

MONDAY EVENING.

O GOD of unbounded love, which fills all that we can see, and goes farther than we can conceive: O God, who lovedst us while we were sinners, wholly lost, careless, and unredeemed; so much as to give thy true and only Son to be a sacrifice for us—to come from heaven thy dwelling, and to live amid sin, and to die under transgression; much more for his sake, and for thy love's sake, pardon and restore us whom He has redeemed, us who now call to Thee; overcome in us all perplexity and sin, restore us to Christ's image, and make us inheritors of that kingdom which Thou assignedst to Him from the foundation of the world; and so make his glory full in the salvation of our souls.

O God, we confess in sincerity that we do not walk in the rules of that kingdom which we seek; our hearts do not always love what we would wish to love; we do even good things in doubt, and often hovering between two thoughts, between selfishness and gratitude, between lust and holy faith in Thee; O renew our inmost hearts; make our motives clear; defend us from the unseen enemies of our souls; and make the desires of our hearts clear and faithful, and grounded on love to Thee and to all. For we are helpless, and altogether faulty; yet we seek to come to Thee confessing our sin, without hypocrisy, and without blindness. O have mercy upon us. Heal

us, O good physician. Feed us, O bread from heaven, Jesus, the anointed of God, the Lamb slain for our sins.

O God, for Jesus' sake rear us up, and nurture us in his image, and holiness; who was pure, and righteous, and faithful, and loving, before law and before creation; always the same. Grant that our hearts in his righteousness may bring forth righteousness, that we being dead to the law in Him, may live a new and living life in his resurrection and Spirit; convinced of our errors by thy law; and with our feet daily washed by thy forgiveness, honestly sought. And may we continually repent of our errors, and come to Christ for pardon; knowing that when we transgress thy righteous law, we are none of his; that if our hearts condemn us, Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. And in Him save us from all worldly fear.

Gather together, O Lord Jehovah, all kingdoms, and orders of men; make them one in Thee through Christ. Draw their souls from worldly anxieties, and riches. May they be brought to sincere and patient consciousness of their position before Thee, and their pure duties before men; and may all more and more be made happy in thy peace, and blest in trust upon Thee. Hear us, and answer us, purify and renew us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only safety. Amen.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD our Creator, the unchangeable Jehovah, each day that we live convinces us more thoroughly of thy loving-kindness and power; and each day shows us proofs of thy dreadful majesty, and of thy judgment unflinching against sin. We praise thy glorious name for all thy mercies to us and our neighbours, of food, and health, and life; but above all, for continuing us still under the offer, and in the hearing, of thy sure promises, and of thy sworn covenant in Jesus Christ. O protect and encourage our hearts by thy holy Spirit; give us a lasting life; and remove us hence only to bring us nearer to Thee, in the completed atonement of thy Son.

O Lord, let us confess to Thee, and reason with Thee under full conviction of our unworthiness in thy sight. Thou hast created man in thine image, and hast given him a soul above that of beasts which perish. Thou hast fitted him, not only for imperfect enjoyment, not only for wonderful natural instincts; but hast given him a heart which can love Thee, and a reason which can conceive of, and honour, a Creator, as well as his creation; and so Thou hast ensured him power to discern Thee, and to praise, and learn, and trust thy attributes, both by the continual grace of thy Spirit, and by a sure written word full of truth and consolation, righteousness, and power, and love.

O how dead are our souls amidst thy heavenly mercies! How sadly they cleave to, and think for, deceptive lusts! O that Christ were all in all to us, for that is our reasonable worship!

O Jehovah Almighty, strive for us; let not Satan capture us from thine hands. Honour thine own Son, by drawing us to Thee, in thought, word, and deed; now that we call upon Thee, looking to his mediation; now that we are at all seeking Thee, according to thy written word of Him. Think upon his sacrifice for our sakes; O prove before men and angels the all-sufficiency of his atonement for removing *all* sin; shed forth thy great love to Him, and to us who do call upon Thee, by comforting and redeeming our souls. Pardon our frequent rejection of Him for our carnal relations and lusts, and manifest the truth that Christ, the Son of David, died to save sinners. O make our hearts holy by thy Spirit.

So bring forth fruits to Christ in this world, that He may be all in all, to us. May they who have wives, be as though they had none; those who buy, as though they possessed not; that high and low may live in blessing, but not in the fashion of this world which will pass away from them so soon. Let the light of thy reconciled countenance shine upon us, our relations, our neighbours, and all men, for thy love's sake, in and through Jesus Christ, thy crucified and glorified Son. Amen.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, who livest around us, in very deed and action; afar, and close to us; quickening our bodies, creating our food, directing our paths; terrible in knowledge, power and space; one God; we approach Thee this evening, after another day of preservation and mercy, only in the name of thy crucified Son. Through Him look upon us, accept our thanksgiving, and hear our prayers; and for his promise' sake, give thy holy Spirit into our hearts this night.

O preserve us, both the young and the old, from building up any hope upon this world's treasures; may we by no means guide our affections according to fleshly lusts, or exciting passions, or overreaching devices; grant us thy most charitable gift of the holy Spirit, that we may try our motives and affections by thy most holy word, and may condemn them or prize them according as it is written about them in the book of life. We confess to Thee that our hearts have gone astray, and our thoughts have been dwelling, by night and by day, on many things dangerous, perishable, earthly: and that we have forgotten brotherly love, gratitude to Thee, and trust in thy ready power. Yet Thou art our only deliverer! O deliver us from earthly trust and passion—promise-

less, despairing, selfish and discontented; and set our thoughts upon thy goodness to us, thy promise, and justness, and truth; and above all, assure us of the necessity of a Saviour, and of the sacrifice He has already made, that we might follow Him, and have peace and comfort for his sake: for that He bore our stripes, and was wounded for our offences.

Hear us, and all who call upon Thee, remembering that we are weak, and perishing. Assure us of thy goodwill, and promises; lead our hearts to magnify Thee,—in word and deed, in reading and writing, in thinking of Thee, and loving Thee fervently. Bless this nation, and lead our chief men to firm adherence to thy pure law, in public and private; and may all ranks abide therein also. And lead all nations to know Thee and thy word; O may they learn to look to Thee surely for small and great gifts, and to pursue after the best. Bless all who are striving to spread thy gospel at home or abroad; may they serve it in truth, and spread it abroad in purity; and grant that they themselves may be brought near to Thee in heart and life. Hear us, O Lord Almighty; show thy great love to us each and all, and protect us this night, and always; for Jesus' sake, thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O GOD Almighty; from whom all strength comes, who art the foundation of all wisdom, and all good: we praise Thee, though most unworthily, and darkly, according to our weak and ignorant nature, for choosing to look upon us, helpless sinners, to give us so much light, and comfort, and care; watching over our actions, small and great; working in our hearts when we think not of Thee; peopling every foot of this globe with life and beauty for our blessing, and instruction. Who are we, that Thou shouldst think of us, from heaven thy dwelling-place: that Thou shouldst remember us, amongst thy holy and obedient angels: that Thou shouldst bear with our ignorance and folly; yea, and blot out our sin, and our continual hardness, and blindness of affection and gratitude? O continue with us this day; for thy Son's sake, whose sacrifice for our sakes is revealed to us in these latter days so fully in thy Scriptures. He acted, and spoke, and loved us, in the image of his Father, Thee, our living God; for his sake suffer us not to perish, nor to walk feebly this day, in the way of this perishable world. Glorify his suffering, and fulfil thy mercy, by dwelling in us by thy Spirit; that we may put away from our hearts, and thoughts, and sight, those things which disappoint, and have no help in them; passion, anger, covetousness, lust, wilful persistency: and that

we may come as children to learn of Thee. Give us grace to grow in Christ in purity, humility, fear of fault, thankfulness, experience, and righteousness: living all in trust; in a faithful, observant, childlike trust; not for reward, but for Christ's sake, who has promised that He will love and recompense them who trust and seek Him.

And grant, O dread and mighty Lord, that even in any time of darkness or despair, we forsake Thee not. For to whom else shall we go? Even though hopeless, may we follow after Thee and thy will, and do what we can. And do Thou blot out our sinful deadness; wash away the doggedness of our lusts, and accept our wretched, blind, helpless tribute, and pardon us. And teach us all when we come to Thee, to leave our reward in thy hands, that Thou mayst bless us hereafter, more than we can think. And grant that we may glorify Thee by a full, childlike trust, and obedience.

Bless all this sinful world: root out oppression, and vice, and darkness; and multiply spiritual blessing on those who look up toward Thee; and grant a speedy end to the follies of unfaithfulness, and mistrust, and sin. These prayers we make to Thee, committing ourselves, our friends, and our neighbours, to thy Fatherly goodness, for the sake of Jesus, the first-born of many brethren. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Father, we come at the close of this day to Thee, our good and merciful God, to whom our lives and blessings are all due, who hast fed and protected us by mercies more than we can see through,—we come both to praise Thee for our past mercies, and to glorify Thee by asking thy further help, and by trusting in thy further deliverance. O receive us, and our thanks, and prayers, through, and for the sake of, our High-priest and sacrifice, our Lord Jesus Christ; and give our souls strength to pray to Thee through Him, by his holy Spirit.

We know that we have sinned this day against heaven, and before Thee; but thy Bible tells us, in many places, to acknowledge all the sins we commit, and the wickedness that is in us; and not to hide nor disguise them in the presence of our Almighty God (who is our heavenly Father); but to confess them with a heart lowly, penitent, and obedient; that we may find forgiveness of them by his infinite goodness and mercy; O may we now confess them with a sincere heart, and humble mind; and do Thou adopt us, even as thy children, in the fulness of thy reconciliation to us, according to thy covenant to us in the death of thy Son.

We have indeed been following, too much, devices and desires of our own hearts. We have felt confidence in schemes and longings; we have stumbled

against holy laws of Thine: we have left, and strayed from thy ways, like lost sheep. We have not done what we ought to have done; and we have done what we ought not to have done; and have entangled our hearts in love of wickedness, and discontent; and there is no health in us. Spare Thou us, O God, who confess our faults. Restore Thou them who are penitent; according to thy promises declared to us by Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

O grant that we, and our dearest relations, our neighbours, and nation, may by thy holy Spirit learn to love Thee in thy providence: that we may search and test thy holy word by our lives and hearts: and learn to give up selfish imaginations, and to love our neighbours as ourselves, wisely, soberly, sincerely; as before Thee, and in Thee; not after the flesh, but after the spirit of holiness, and truth, and life. O fill us with all thy blessing.

To thy Fatherly care and nurture we commit our souls and bodies this night. O bring us in peace to the morning: and more—bring the dawn of true light and knowledge of Thee, over all the world, speedily. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, thy Son; whose kingdom shall spread over the whole earth. Amen.

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Creator, Immortal God, Thou hast been pleased to establish laws by which Thou actest, and according to which Thou judgest, and wilt judge. In beautiful law Thou hast created the world, and the stars; and the smallest and the greatest things therein. In thy law we have our own existence and being; our own souls and bodies. Thine are the laws of love and mercy, of meekness and pride, of ingratitude and honesty, of gift and acceptance. We confess that we have transgressed laws of thine, both in the spirit, and in the letter; in ignorance, in weakness, and in wilfulness; and that we have misused and abused thy merciful and beautiful laws, to our own perplexity and hurt. Therefore, while we praise Thee for the numberless comforts Thou continuest to us, we confess that we cannot use them aright; and we call upon Thee by thy sure promises, freely given to us for the sake of thy Son, our Redeemer, to create us anew unto holiness and faith, in his image; and unto the blessedness of his eternal kingdom.

O God, who hast spared us to meet together, and seek and praise Thee this morning; teach us, thy children, throughout this day; and bless our labours, to the good of our souls and bodies. May we seek to build our lives upon sure and certain hopes; not upon conjecture and idle imagination. Teach us to try thy good laws in all our occupation: write in our hearts the love of thy name—of mercy, meekness,

faithfulness, truth. May we earnestly press forward in the love of our brethren, and in the respect of them as our equals in God's sight and care; not content with teaching, nor with indolent conjecture, nor with ignorance of the real truth; seeking to learn from all, and to be established, by Christ's spirit, in our intercourse with all, and to learn content, honesty, and self-sacrifice, and other estimable and eternal spiritual blessings. Thus work, O Lord God, upon us; directly, by thy holy Spirit enlightening and giving growth to our hearts; and indirectly, through each other: so that we may grow up a holy, spiritual temple upon earth, knit together in truth, not fearing each other, nor grudging each other; but serving each other in our Saviour's name.

Holy Father, look in mercy upon all estates of men: sanctify to their souls the lessons which continually pass before their eyes; help them to live in a good consciousness; and to be built up, and established in thy freely given truth. And bless throughout this week those engaged in the special service of thy word. Grant special blessing to those called to the preaching, or translating, or studying, or commenting upon thy holy scriptures; and may all zealously seek to extend the knowledge and love of God, in thy own words and method, to all people. Help them and us, who depend entirely in everything on thy blessing, for Jesus Christ's sake; and by the full gift of his promised Comforter. Amen.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY Creator, fountain and source of all our lives and blessings, who art always ready to act for and to hear us; we praise thy holy name and thank Thee for thy mercies, for thy gifts and promises. O teach us to glorify thy great goodness by our thankfulness; and by faithfully forsaking all other desires, in order to bring ourselves, and those we love, nearer to Thee. Thus only can we worthily praise thy mercy and power, by destroying the desire of heart for the creature, and trusting the Creator; and by loving to deny ourselves and our neighbours all thought which estranges us from implicit trust in Thee, whom we trust. For thy love of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his sufferings' sake, in memory of his life and death, and in glory of his example, cast out of our souls all wilfulness, foolishness, unhappy sinfulness, evil surmising, implacableness; and fill us with thy holy Spirit of humility, mercy, strife against sin, and faithfulness towards holiness. And may we remember that, with all thy gifts, we and our works are weak, and in themselves helpless; and that we shall not be perfected until our Saviour has answered for us on the last day.

Grant unto us, our friends and neighbours, the blessing of a hopeful and thankful heart. May we, on our beds, and in our daily walk, joyfully thank thy undeserved goodness for the blessings of this

day; the food, health, the order and security of life, that shine, not only on our present, but on our past and future. May we thank Thee most for the light Thou givest to our souls, and for strength in sound affection, and true hopes, and spiritual knowledge: and may we accept the uncertainty and imperfection of our temporal blessings with gravity and thankfulness, learning thereby both to look the deeper, and to hope the more faithfully; and to praise Thee for what blessings Thou so continually preservest to us. O Christ, save our souls from pondering upon, and pursuing, only things which perish.

Open our hearts, good Lord, to understand the workings of thy Spirit and providence amongst us; may we look upon everything, not as ours, but as thine; may we love, not the creature or the scheme, but the Maker of all creatures, and the first founder of all laws and of every method. And may we watch thy working; and do Thou work, in mercy, and show us all peace and knowledge and love.

Thus may not only all orders of men and women in this nation, but those of diverse languages and nations, become altogether one kingdom in Thee; looking all, not unto their diverse worldly positions, but unto one Christ, one Father, and one Spirit, working in all things.

Grant and complete these our desires and petitions; and mercifully help all in any need: for his sake, who declared Thee in his human life, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD, God of hosts, eternal, invisible, great in power and order and wisdom: we, thy unworthy servants, seek to draw near to Thee, trusting upon thine unbounded mercy. Thou tellest the number of the stars, and callest them all by their names, and thy understanding is infinite: but first, and above all, we give Thee glory and adoration and praise, that Thou lookest upon and healest the broken in heart, and bindest up their wounds. O God, complete the glory of thy mercy upon us, most sinful creatures, who fail to understand, or to love, or to practise many mercies and virtues and laws, which any but most blind and sinful hearted would lay hold of, and abide in, with rejoicing. Thou, O God, hast of thy complete mercy, not only taught us the truth, but promised to help them that obey Thee. O, for thy Son's sake, hear us now; accept our unworthy homage, justify us freely in him, and hear our feeble desires. Send into our hearts thy holy Spirit, to give them new life in change of thought, faith, love, and holiness; nurture us as thine adopted children in Christ; keep us continually from trial and ill; and assure and sustain our hearts in that peace, which we have only by the death and through the merits of thy only-begotten Son.

And, to the end that we may indeed live in Him, fill us with the continual grace of his Spirit, who may show us the things of the Father. May our hearts, by his grace, learn and grow in brotherly love, and contentedness and unselfishness. May we not sit as judges over one another; but search each other as brethren and fellow-soldiers, to help and forgive and pray for each other. And while we love each other, may we above all love Thee, our Maker, the framer of our feelings and souls and lives, the God of good. May we not countenance those dearest to us in straying from thee—knowing that Satan is an evil master. May we not, for ease, or indolence' sake, cast a stumbling-block of flattery, perishable indulgence, or evil temper, in the way of our brethren, for whom Christ has died; may we allure none to vain confidence: and do Thou, O God, forgive our errors, and the errors of those around us; and accept us, and bless our going out and coming in, for the sake and glory of our Saviour Jesus.

Look with favour and eternal blessing on the world of thy creation, this day. Let thy Spirit strive in mercy; and be a Spirit of inspiration and holiness, and true affections, and healing, to all classes of men. Into thy hands we entrust them and ourselves, this day. Spare us and deliver us, good Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY EVENING.

LORD of hosts, Almighty Jehovah, Father of our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ; we, faulty and weak and ignorant, approach Thee as a family, to praise thy name with thankfulness for the great mercies which are worked out by Thee around us and within us; and to pray to Thee, as our Father in Christ Jesus, for continuance and completion of thy mercies. Hear us, mighty Lord; accept our imperfect praises; and though we are blind and doubtful, even amidst thy great and evident blessings of light, and health, and promise; yet account us in Christ our Saviour as purified and thankful; and to that end strengthen us to approach Thee only in sincerity and humility; not cloaking our weakness and sin, nor wickedly clinging to any lust or wilful spirit; but wishing to lay all wholly upon Him.

Bless us, that we may indeed remember that we are baptized into the death of Christ; may we rejoice in spirit when, by thy Fatherly help, we can give up any treacherous worldly hope, any flattering vanity, or ensnaring temptation. May we walk as those who are saved through Christ; not by our own works, but by thy free gift and power. May we stay in any enterprise in which we find that we are, in our thoughts, relying on ourselves; may we pause at once, change our thoughts to Thee, and to thy word,

and account our own power of mind or influence, our health or judgment, as but dead—too broken to help us; and so may we wash our hearts clean from all trust, save in thy mercy (which is sure mercy) and thy forgiveness (which is promised us). Thus may we really ascribe all glory to Thee in thought and deed. And may we thus find in every enterprise, and disposition, and change, that we are being raised from destruction or failure by Thee in Christ; in happy foretaste of a final resurrection unto eternal life in Him.

And grant that the whole church of Christ may live together as one family in Him. May each of us not dwell in ourselves, and think of ourselves, but open our eyes and look abroad with faithful and loving hearts; and may we especially, with joy and thankfulness, look upon our brethren—honour their motives; guard their mistakes or falling; not judge, but rather learn from, them; and freely impart to others the blessings and experience which Thou hast mercifully and freely given to us. In all, guiding ourselves by thy word; not indulging ourselves nor others; eschewing flattery or indulgence of anything contrary to thy word of truth. So help us in thy holy Spirit, and make us all workers together with Thee; for the sake of Him who was born and crucified for our salvation. Amen.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL Jehovah, the same in times past, to-day, and for ever: we praise Thee for thy eternal truth and unchangeableness; we are therein sure that as Thou hast done in time past, so Thou canst and wilt do again. O accept our praises and thanks, this morning, for our lives and health, and our earthly blessings, both temporal and spiritual; and teach us to understand thy judgments, and to trust to Thee with unfeigned confidence, peace, and love.

We confess that we groan often under the sins of ourselves, and of our fathers; that we err grievously under the fear or oppression of worldly men, and worldly desires; that we are tied by the chain of past negligences and extravagance to fear and serve those wants, which Thou hast promised freely to supply to those who trust Thee. O jealous God, pardon our wicked faithlessness; and restore us, and strengthen our faith; lead us through sound paths, and wholesome discipline; and, above all, give us thy spirit of justness, good sense, holiness, and right trust; that we may not be as men who grope in darkness, but may recover thy blessing and protection, be assured of the working of thy good providence, and that so we, and all others, may be released from

incorrect and ungrateful doubts, in which the wiles of Satan and the lusts of our own evil hearts have ensnared us: and do Thou support us. Thou didst of old time, for the sake of thy promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, hear thy people Israel, when ground down and debased under the terrible bondage of Egypt; much more then, merciful Father, in thy Son Jesus Christ, hear us for his sake, and for the promises made through his mouth; hear us when we cry in true repentance in his name, and grant us a speedy help and deliverance; that we may obtain self-control and spiritual firmness in Thee; and may find happiness; neither enslaving others nor enslaved ourselves; in generosity, pure self-control, brotherly love, and praise of Thee, and knowledge of thy laws.

So release all thy people, and especially this kingdom, that Queen and nobles, rich and poor, masters of few and masters of many, may neither lose sight of Thee, nor be hindered from seeking Thee fully, on the one hand; and may not be treasuring up a judgment without mercy against themselves, on the other hand. O take not thy holy Spirit from us. Hear us, O Lord God, and make us earnest, and obedient followers of *Christ* this day, in faith in Him; for his sake and honour. Amen.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and all-seeing God, whose spirit discerns our inmost soul, and our faintest desires; incline to us in mercy and hear us this evening, and help us to pour out our souls in sincere prayer, for the things we most need, and which only thy most Fatherly almighty hand can supply. O turn our souls into the sure paths of peace.

Give us, O Father, true and thankful hearts for all the blessings which Thou hast given us, and art now continuing to us. May we discern, and love, and adore, thy Spirit, as it works in the order, and beauty, and creative bounty of this world, so perfect in its laws of nature, and of fruitfulness, and of seasons; so encouraging as a mighty and visible evidence of goodness, and power, and forgiving mercy in Thee. May we more earnestly thank Thee for special mercies to us, in giving us a call to salvation, and a light to eternal paths in the gospel of thy Son, in which we have words of truth. May thy great blessings lead us faithfully to trust Thee, and to use with thankful confidence all means of grace from on high, and of mutual intercession and help, to which Thou hast covenanted to give thy presence and answer. O pardon our souls, if we have ever ungratefully turned from these mercies of our crucified Redeemer from natural mistrust, or have ceased to pray for thy blessing to use them aright. O may we accept tribulation too, with thankfulness and gratitude, as being the chastening of a heavenly Father, to save us from affections which die, and from passions which must

carry those who continue in them, to hell. May we sincerely mourn in our distress, that we have grieved Thee; and may we no longer at all remain passive, but strenuously seek how to alter our error, to deny wandering habits, to gain the control of our smallest lusts; and do Thou encourage our hearts in this endeavour, and build them up anew by thy holy Spirit, and give us new life in brotherly love, true and godly hopes, and faithful allegiance to Thee: so that from our hearts we may obey the command of Thee, our Creator, in our souls and bodies, even to the forsaking of father, or mother, or friends; for that is our good sense, our holiness, our love, and wisdom; and give us thy speedy and full blessing.

And, O Lord, from thy goodness to the whole world may we receive encouragement to believe in thy goodness. Save thy created people from the sins by which we see them so overwhelmed, and amidst which thy Spirit so much blesses them. For thy name's sake, and for the glory and inheritance of thy Son, establish speedily thy victory over all sin, and may all nations become the kingdom of thy blessed Anointed.

Bless our relations, friends, and neighbours; increase among us happy intercourse, humility, and charity. And accept us, and raise our hearts and drooping spirits both this night, and on to-morrow's Sabbath, in honour of the labours, sufferings, and death of thy faithful and beloved Son; and in faith of his free promises. Glory be to Thee, O Father Almighty, for his sake. Amen.

SACRAMENT SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Father, we, thine unworthy children, come to praise Thee, and to ask thy mercies in the name of Jesus thine anointed and beloved Son, our sacrifice, the Mediator who has reconciled Thee to us by his own humiliation, and death for our sins. Mercifully accept us, and continue to bless us for his sake, according to his most merciful mediation. Allow our imperfect praises, and hear our imperfect prayers, as Thou hast promised through his word to hear all who call upon Thee in his name.

We are hoping this day to celebrate the supper of our Lord, according to his command, in memory of his life and death. Grant that as we receive the broken bread, and the wine poured forth, unto the strengthening of our body, so we may accept the broken body of Christ, and his blood shed for sin (faithfully, and following his example of faith and obedience), as the sure and only means of all success and happiness and love. Grant us clean and straightforward hearts, O Lord, to approach with penitence and sorrow his holy table, as well as with joy; not treasuring up evil, but without hypocrisy confessing all our weakness and inmost sin: and when we throw ourselves on thy great mercy, and see none but Christ to whom we may go, do Thou accept us, and clothe our nakedness, enrich our hearts with trust, and love, and holy experience; and, so, honour this memorial of thine only Son. O grant to us all, this

day and henceforward, to our present and endless gladness, that the name of Jesus be not only written on our memories and lips, but on our hearts and lives; that as He was lowly in spirit, so we may seek Thee, our Creator, in daily humility, through Him; so that we may never refuse any duty or compassion from unworthy misgiving or pride. May we, in holiness, as well as in sure trust, forgive our enemies, and bless those whose anger or foolishness, or ungodliness, is hurting us. Above all, may we in all our blessings remember Thee; may thy kindness give life to our hearts, and thy law be written in them. And may we, in all our blessings, never be deceived by our hearts into blindness to our weakness and sin, but may we thankfully feel that we owe all our strength and comfort and hope to Thee, and that none of our own righteousness will stand the test of that dreadful day.

Bless this day, all those with whom we may worship; bless, with thy richest support, all schools and institutions for sound instruction both of our church and neighbourhood; may all who have to teach or guide, do so with honesty and faithfulness, as before God and not man; and do Thou bless all their labours; and bless the example and conduct of all who follow Thee, in every rank: that sinners may be converted unto Christ, and Christians may be mutually built up in Him.

So feed us with the true bread from heaven, for Jesus' sake our God and Redeemer. Amen.

SACRAMENT SUNDAY EVENING.

HEAR us, O Shepherd of thy people, Thou, whose sheep we are, Thou who leadest thy servants towards all good and wholesome pasture; by whose Spirit we are given every truth, and good, and beauty, and are strengthened against every vice and unbridled thought; shine upon us, thy servants, and bless our souls. We heartily implore Thee, stir up thy strength; and both come into our souls, and order our work; that we may be saved in soul and body, and glorify Thee in earth for a few years, and after that in heaven. Turn our souls to Thee, God of all heaven.

Jesus, our Saviour and Intercessor, to Thee do we look; who art one with the Father, and hast shown us only truth, which Thou hast received from the Father. We are most helpless and weak, and altogether in need of thy Almighty deliverance. Our spirits are weak, and naturally prone to evil, and always unable to stand of themselves; O why shouldst Thou leave us to the assaults of wickedness? our imaginations are trampled down by vicious and perplexing thoughts; our judgments stumble amid the conversation and business of life; our knowledge and faith are choked by cares and worldliness, or dried up before the pride and self-gratification of our hearts; anger and bitterness destroy us, and we are unstable in following thy gracious commands.

O Anointed of the Father, son of David, who hast suffered for us; Thou, to whom the Father has given authority, and judgment, and power to pardon sinners, in order that his mercy and holiness might, through Thee, be known and glorified among men and angels: send thy saving Spirit upon us. Glorify the Father, by delivering us in his exceeding power.

We have this day partaken of the holy memorial of thy death for our sakes; and have received, by thy gift and command, into our bodies, the emblems of thy life-giving and strengthening power, the strength of thy resurrection. As Thou in thy distress didst remember us, and give us these signs; so, in thy present power, much more remember our affliction and trial in an evil world, and give us in full truth the spiritual blessings: may we rest this night, and pass forth on the ensuing week, fed and strengthened in the inner man by thy Spirit, the power of God, effectual to save to the uttermost.

Thus, O Saviour and Healer, may we come to live, not in ourselves, wrapt up in thought and care for ourselves, but may we from our inmost hearts be one with Thee; looking to Thee, trusting to Thee, and loving Thee in all thy deeds; and may we in Thee dwell amongst our brethren and neighbours, in love and lowly-mindedness. Hear us, our Saviour, and pattern, and intercessor, and save us for thy labours' sake. Amen.

CHRISTMAS-DAY: MORNING.

EVER-LIVING, ever-present Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast mercifully spared us amidst grace and mercy to meet together on this day of rejoicing. Give us grace to serve Thee truly, and to thank Thee honestly for the mercy we commemorate this day.

We desire to praise Thee and thy Son Jesus Christ, for that as on this day was begun the accomplishment of our redemption, promised first to Adam, and fixed in thy immutable decree from the foundation of the world. May we faithfully call to mind our own sin, and the sin of our first parents; may we confess how completely we fail in accomplishing any scheme of life or holiness; and thank Thee for the help of thine Almighty hand which has upborne us hitherto. Then will our hearts indeed praise and extol Thee, that thine own Son did take upon him all our nature, and was born amongst us, and lived and died as a son of man, without sin, but under the curse of sin, for us. O let us not put on empty rejoicing, or a vain and carnal semblance of thankfulness; but let us meditate on thy love, and trust to thy mercy, and grow strong in that humble love towards Thee, that casteth out fear, and endureth after death, and is perfected fully with Thee in heaven.

O God, accept our praise for Christ's sake, and in Him. And praise Him in us. As He was born for our salvation, save us for his praise thoroughly. As He both lived and died for us, so for his sake save us from the stripes and burden of sin (which he bore), and from the contagion of vice, both at our birth, and in youth, and in full age. So complete our salvation in life and in death, to the glory of its author, and of thy power over sin.

And as He came, not to break the broken reed, nor to quench the smouldering flax, so may we rejoice that we are not called by our service to Him to judge or to condemn one another: and may we act in the spirit of Christ to exercise our own consciousness free from error, and to keep ourselves unspotted from sensual and perishable pleasures. And as our Saviour, Christ, came to seek and save those that are lost, so may we strive in Him to love righteousness and mercy; and to help and encourage all who look to us, both by a rigid discharge of our own duties, and by a humble and compassionate behaviour to all. O guide us and build us up by thy holy Spirit, good Lord, and enable us and our neighbours to prosper in all good works, and to rejoice this day. For our blessed Redeemer's sake. Amen.

CHRISTMAS EVENING.

O LORD, God of hosts, our preserver, and father, and king. Grant us this night thy holy Spirit, to give us the charity of his holy spiritual blessings; that we may pray for forgiveness and life, for friends, and for our own selves, and for prosperity and blessing; all in a trustful and contented spirit; as seeking thy glory, not our own gratification; and as relying faithfully on the atonement of thy Son.

He came to live amongst us, and why? Not only to bear our sins and suffer in our stead, that we might escape punishment in Him; but also as our example and shepherd. O may we honour this gift which his suffering has provided for us; may we follow Him through all events; may all the world learn to follow Him. And do Thou mercifully grant, if it be thy will, that we follow Him, not in suffering, to the cross; but, by thy gift, for thy Son's praise, and honour, and victory, may all men follow Him with joy, in his kingdom which Thou hast given Him; and praise Him, free from punishment and sinful leaven, a faithful and peculiar people, purchased and possessed by thine Anointed Son, in pure love and humble truth. And in the meanwhile, O Jehovah, our Father in this thy Son, encourage our hearts and strengthen our affections, to follow his example; sure that, whether toil or suffering, desertion or torture be in store for us, Thou canst repay, O Lord Creator, and wilt repay a hundred-fold in thy love and holiness, and in

honour of Him in whose name we worship. For in Thee is our hope, and the joy of our rejoicing.

And as our Saviour suffered sad temptation for us, do Thou preserve us continually from temptation; and grant that under all circumstances our hearts may not lust after sin, but may be surely and happily fixed on the road, on which our happiness lies.

O dread and mighty Jehovah, spread the knowledge of a Saviour, and the trust in Him, and thy spirit of prayer and brotherly love and holiness, through all the world. Pity the nations dwelling in darkness. Stretch forth thine arm, and utter the word, and cast out Satan from the children of the world; that the abodes of vice, and of dark temptation, and blind horror be swept out; and that peace and holiness may reign through all nations. O think of thy dreadful judgment, and spare, and turn men to Thee while yet there is time, for the sake of Him who lived, and died, and rose again, as their purchaser.

Almighty Father, may we live in the Spirit of Christ, in a spirit of holy self-sacrifice; send us to the sick, to heal them; to the unsound, to make them whole; to the poor, to make them spiritually rich: so blessing us with the fruits of thy protection. And with Thee, with Christ Jesus, and the holy Spirit, is the glory, and skill, and knowledge, and truth, and mercy, through all ages of ages: verily.

CIRCUMCISION.—NEW YEAR'S DAY.

O LORD Jehovah, great and terrible to those who find Thee not; the strength and tower of safety to those who seek Thee with humility and confession: we thank Thee for showing us more and more mercies, and restoring us to the comforts, and engagements, and opportunities of this day—to the opening of a new year. May we go forth in it with steady purpose of a change of our thought, so as to be still nearer Thee; and with a true and acting love to Thee; and do Thou bless and cheer our hearts, in the paths of real truth.

This day we call to mind that thy Son was circumcised, in fulfilment of the Law of Moses, as the son of man. We remember how, in the midst of human perverseness, desertion, and persecution, He fulfilled thy laws, and prophecies, and special commandments, until he ended his life of love and trial upon the cross. In Him was, indeed, the true circumcision; not of the flesh only, but of the heart and desires. O let us be stirred up to praise his goodness and purity, which was our salvation. Let us begin every work, and every year, with renewed contrition and repentance, and with amended consciences; and let us love from our hearts to be following Him as our example: for we are sure, O holy God, that Thou wilt enable those who seek Thee in spirit, to grow in goodness and purity, to the honour of Christ's obedience; and we believe

that thy gift of purity will be an earnest of more blessing to others and to ourselves, for the sake, and intercession, and love of Christ Jesus, who has bought us to Himself and to his own kingdom.

And forasmuch as Thou hast given us baptism as a symbol of the complete washing away of our sins, by coming earnestly to Christ for his perfect mediation; so may we seek and obtain the true baptism of the heart, and not of the letter. May we come earnestly to Christ, wipe off all earthly incumbrances in his spirit, cling to no perishable longing, or honour, or tie; but faithfully and trustfully seek for life, and spirit, and peace, and encouragement, only from on high; from the gift of our God and Creator, not from any labour or hold of our own.

So make us, and our neighbours and relations, blessed and happy, in a sure trust upon Him. O change our evil hearts, and give us, and all who call upon Thee, or seek for Thee, amongst all nations, a sensible, grateful, and believing heart, to trust the further goodness of that God to whom we owe our lives. And may all, in authority or in trial, learn to love Thee, and to find comfort and peace in Thee, without fear of the world; and may each and all grow in the knowledge of Thee, this year, throughout the world. For our holy Saviour's sake, thy Son, sent by Thee into the world to save them that are lost. Amen.

ADVENT SUNDAY.

RIGHTEOUS and Almighty Lord God, this day we are reminded that thy Son, Jesus Christ, is coming speedily to execute thy judgment upon us, and all the world. O God, whom we trust, think upon us; renew us, and establish us in thy salvation, in the name of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Grant us, Lord Jesus, thy Spirit, which sets aside all law, being itself the origin and fulfilment of all law; that we, who in Adam and our own sins were dead to Thee, may, in thy Spirit, be dead to the old Adam, and to our sinful nature; and may be renewed in thy likeness, even thine, holy Jesus, Son of the Father, who hast promised us all things that we ask of the Father in thy name.

O how great is our deadness and sin, our infatuation and earthliness. In carelessness and thanklessness, in lust and worthless craving, in evil-thinking and ungodliness, in judging others, in blind mistrust ourselves; in all this evil and degradation, has been our delight and contentment; we have lived in trespass upon thy love, and have neglected our highest happiness.

O God, bear with us, and forgive us our past wickednesses, and slavish mistrust of Thee, our Creator. May we henceforth live above this perishable world, standing up in trust upon thy mercy. May our chief delight be, not in human schemes, and in the objects and passions of human minds; but in walking in thy commandments, and in learning thy eternal judgments. Give us thy holy Spirit; that we may remember our Saviour, and that He will soon come as our Judge; and while we seek to follow Him in love, and meekness, and temperance, do Thou reveal Thyself to us in Him: thy mercy, thy ordinances, thy justice, and thy continual control, and eternal plans. And gather us, and those dear to us, our neighbours and all mankind, into thy true fold, to be thy true and faithful believers.

O most merciful Father, king of heaven and earth; in honour of thy true and faithful Son, who was torn and sacrificed for the redemption of the whole world, grant that all the kingdoms of this world may speedily become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour, thine anointed Jesus. That all men and angels may honour him, in whose name, as our Ransom, and our Intercessor with Thee, and our righteous Judge, we entreat Thee for these inestimable and eternal blessings. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

ALMIGHTY Lord, terrible to those who hate Thee, and have not called upon thy name in truth; gracious as a father to those who do come to Thee in the name of thy Son, whom Thou hast given us as our Shepherd and hast appointed in glory hereafter to be our Judge: accept, in Christ's name, our tribute of thanks, and praise, and prayer, this morning; and grant us thy holy, almighty Spirit, to work in our hearts; so that we may be growing in holy spirit by his working power; and that we may be wrested from sin, and failure, and wickedness, of heart and life: to thy glory and honour, before angels and men.

We are spared by thy mercy to enter with peace and comforts, again, on this period of special contrition, and trust, and meekness. O may our hearts not be found wanting, in turning to Thee, who from heaven turnest towards us. Let the Spirit of Christ be in us, not that of the world.

May we remember, indeed, that though thy hand is not shortened, that Thou canst not save; though Thou wilt indeed glorify thy Son by triumphing over sin; yet that Thou wilt by no means save us in our iniquities, nor protect us in our sin. If we put aside the moral laws which Thou hast created; if we call not for justice, nor plead for truth; if we go on

trusting vanity, and speaking false things; if we persist in conceiving mischief, and bringing forth iniquities; then none shall save us at our latter end, and Thou Lord wilt not hear our impenitent prayer: but Thou wilt catch us, as a thief comes, and take away our garments, and cast us in shame into hell. O deliver us from our iniquities, good Lord.

Let us then take courage; and hold steadfastly to prayer, that Thou mayst turn our hearts from failure, and ill, and shame; that Thou wilt loose our affections from all that keeps us unsatisfied and longing, and that must perish altogether; and wilt set them on sure and effective joys, love, peace, trust, which are imperishable. And may we take comfort and guidance from the example of our Lord and Saviour; who fasted forty days, and was tempted. As he felt no lust, nor hesitation, nor blindness; but loved and trusted Thee throughout; so give us his Spirit, purchased for us by his blood; that we may not hesitate, nor lust over sin, but look to Thee our gracious Father, and trust thy Son, and the word Thou hast given us.

Give, we beseech Thee, O great God, to all our nation, and to all people, earnestness and sincerity in seeking Thee; and hear us, and pardon, and save us, for thy name's sake, and for the mediation and glory of thy dear Son, our holy Saviour. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Creator, whom we fear, and serve; and to whom we look for every strength and blessing. Mercifully now hear us and let thy Spirit of life and peace rest upon us, and accept our worship, for the sake of thy Son, and for the love Thou bearest to them whom He has redeemed.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for having brought us to celebrate this day in peace. From Thee is our health, and renewed sustenance, and fellowship; from Thee is our knowledge of a Saviour crucified, and the great and glorious calling which we have received in his Gospel; thine be the praise and the glory: and on Thee be our trust and gratitude.

As on this morning our Saviour, thy anointed Son, suffered for us: He bore our stripes, our reproach; and in the kingdom which He has purchased, by his false condemnation and desertion, his shame and persecution, is our peace and safety. As on this afternoon He made for us his complete and final sacrifice, as a son of man. In crucifixion his earthly sorrows ended, and his faith was proved to the full. O teach us fully to embrace so great a salvation, in humility, trust, and love; may we never wilfully persist in unbelief and mistrust, and harden our hearts to continue thinking of sin.

Help us, O Lord Jehovah, to follow the example of thy Son: and, whether it be thy wish that our faithfulness to Thee, and thy love, and commands, should lead us to suffer for others, or for our own sakes; or whether it be that Thou wilt mercifully avert the blow and the pain, in acceptance of Christ our Saviour's expiation, teach us at all events to trust to thy all-seeing wisdom and authority, and to follow faithfully even unto shame and death. Spare us, good Lord, for his sake. Perfect, in our safety and peace, his glory. Bring us to Him, in heart and life.

May we not trust in ourselves, nor delude each other, in loving our own lives. Let us not think of gaining by contention, magnificence, hypocrisy, party-spirit, maliciousness, depravity: may our souls not be at all entangled in such things, nor trust them; which are hated by Thee. But as our blessed Redeemer is exalted to thy right hand, so may we know surely that Thou, the Omnipotent, wilt exalt us who seek Thee through Him, and may resign our lives into thy Fatherly keeping, according to thy word, in the strength of thy Spirit.

Hear us, and put thy Spirit of love and self-sacrifice into our hearts; and raise our souls unto eternal life: for the sake of this thy Son, crucified for our safety. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY: MORNING.

ALMIGHTY Jehovah, whose promises are sure; who art the same in deed as in word; who art ready to act in this, as in that; in fulfilment, as in type: we are assembled together, spared once more to see the morning of the anniversary of our anointed Saviour's resurrection. Fill our hearts with praise to Thee, for showing us this seal of thy promises to us in Him: and may our lives show the gratitude of our hearts.

In his resurrection, and acceptation by Thee, O God, it is that we enjoy all comforts and mercies; we who are naturally unstable, sinful, and condemned. We thank Thee for the blessings of our past lives, and for having granted us the comforts of the past night; but above all, we thank Thee for giving thy Son to die for us. We praise Thee for the mercies freely given to man from the creation of the world, for his sake: and we glorify thy name that in Him law was fulfilled, sin atoned for; and that thy power and goodness has been shown, both in raising Him from the dead, and in the life and light Thou bestowedst on sinful men, and sinful souls. O may we look from the many spiritual consolations, and safe-guards, and deliverances Thou hast in time back given us; to glorify that resurrection of thy buried and forsaken

Son, which, after the full satisfaction of the law, thy Fatherly power vouchsafed Him: may we there learn to bury our fallen nature, our evil heart of unbelief, our affections burdened by their own sins and errors; knowing that only through Christ we can be saved. And may we go on, from contemplating his atonement and resurrection, to our own case; feeling stronger in trust: sure that if we turn our thoughts from wickedness, and fleshly allurements, and hopes, and seek the Spirit of Christ, in his name, then Thou, O Lord, wilt not leave us comfortless nor forsaken; being ready, as Thou didst raise thy Son, so to enliven and exalt our souls, which are dead, in his pattern; and to fill our lives with tenfold blessings, with peace and eternal hope. O give us thy Spirit, that we may rightly read, understand, and feel thy great mysteries.

Grant that all we who come to thy table this day, may there celebrate the memory of our Lord's crucifixion; by thanking Thee for the redemption offered us in Him, praising Thee for the salvation already wrought in us through Him, turning in our hearts from all worldliness and carnal trust, and having sure hope of perfect and eternal salvation in the life to come. So build us up by thy holy Spirit of truth, to the praise and honour of thy name, and of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY: EVENING.

LORD of all mercy, Jehovah, who didst, as on this morning, raise the crucified body of thy Son from the dead. We glorify thy power which did raise Him, and thy love which gave Him as our expiation, and thy justice which established his resurrection from the dead.

Holy Son of God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty; we praise and extol Thee that Thou didst in real deed accomplish for us a life of righteousness, and a just and deserved resurrection at the hands of the Father; and that Thou hast so opened the way of life, and of resurrection from death, to all who have lived or shall live in the world. O accomplish fully this great salvation.

In thy resurrection, O Lamb of God, we do but see the full perfect ground and origin of our daily lives, and of thy holy revelations. By thy creation the corn of wheat dies, and springs to a new life; it is sown in labour and patience, and reaped in abundance. By the operation of thy Spirit it is that, by self-denial, and burial to inclination and foolishness, all strength and power grows; and it is by thy gift of time and grace, that prosperity rises like the fresh grass of spring, among the burnt pastures. Our labour can work nothing without patience, and a

Creator's help. And all religion points to Thee as our life and power, whom we should seek in chastity and faithfulness.

God, grant to us, in thy merciful love, to seek and strive after immortal glory, in adopted fellowship with this thy Son. May we bury our spirits from things of earth and of flesh, from enmities, envy, gossiping, dishonourable thinking, discontent, jesting, and profanity: and may we pray to Thee earnestly, and wait patiently, continuing unceasingly in what is well, and vigorous, and true, and loving. And do Thou turn our hearts, and fill them with all good things, with trust, love, joy, peace, temperance, brotherly charity; and let us always hate all temporal things, in comparison of Thee, who art author of all our good. So keep us, and at the last perfect in us eternal life; when our graves shall be opened, and we shall stand in Christ at thy judgment. Yea, so help us in this life, that our concerns may prosper, and our hearts faithfully receive a blessing from Thee, to thy glory, and to thy praise before all men.

Heavenly Father, grant that the Spirit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, may rest upon us this ensuing week; that we may value Him above all worldly power, or wealth, or dignity of life, for his sake, our support and Redeemer. Amen.

ASCENSION DAY.

LORD Jehovah, whose power no man can comprehend, in whose hands are life and death: so far reveal thy unsearchable power in us, in Christ's Spirit, that we may feel, and know, and understand the resurrection from worldly death to spiritual life; and grant us a foretaste here, of that eternal life into which Thou hast received thy Son, according to thy Almighty power. We who have awaked this morning, and are living, strengthened and comforted, amid the duties of a fresh day, humbly beseech Thee to give us the benefits for which thy ascended Son intercedes for us.

O accept our dark hearts, and unworthy thanksgiving, and our prayers, for Christ's sake. Wash out all sin from our hearts, all blind repining, and discontented lust; and all thoughts which bring no certain promise for the future, nor surety of any blessing. But may our hopes be ascended with thy holy Son into heaven: may they be taught and upheld by thy power, working, and interceding; and give us, by thy effective answer, a sure conviction of thy living help.

Grant us, Father, that we may walk in this life as those who have a living and faithful advocate in thy presence, even thine own begotten Son: so that no trial need frighten us, no risk make us afraid, no difficulty dishearten us; while we seek, in the way of thy commands by our Lord Jesus, to be strengthened, and built up in heart and life. O bless us in

all godliness and benevolence, in honest love of the holy, and in healing of the faulty; until we finally enter on the eternal peace which thy Son will give us in heaven. O Christ, hear us, and rise and answer our prayer.

Grant that we and all men, and especially our relations and neighbours, may live together, not for time, but for eternity. O grant, merciful Lord, for the sake of thine own Son, who once suffered, and was crucified for us, and in mercy to us thy creatures —according to the glory of thy great name grant that we may not at any time allow our thoughts in any unclean thing; grant that for the few short years of time we may live soberly as those who wait for their Lord's gifts, and trust his promise for the life that is now, and that is to come; not in thought of greediness, contention, or overpowering, but in seeking pure labour, heavenly wisdom, and heavenly reward. May we find that our Lord is in heaven, preparing a good place for us; and may we all be ready at his coming, and at the hour of death.

O Christ, who hast promised to build us up by thy Spirit (as we seek Thee faithfully), so as to be one with Thee, and Thou one with us; grant us of thy excellent love and charity, to search for, and find that solid good; which, if we find, we shall value above all precious earthly wealth. To Thee, with the Father, and the holy Spirit, three in one, be all glory—both of all creation, and of all redemption—for ever and ever. Amen.

WHITSUNDAY MORNING.

HOLY Father, who hast proved thyself a father to us, both in creating us, and all upon which we depend for life and comfort, and in blessing us with the light of order and revelation. We meet together this morning, being Whit-sunday, to thank Thee especially for the gift of thy holy Spirit, by whose power alone is the first germ of our spiritual understanding, and affection, and faith, and life, called into being in our souls, naturally dead in ignorance, mistrust, and lusts. We thank Thee also for that love and mercy which continually pardons our past sin, and grants us the spirit of truth and power, in Christ Jesus, to make our hearts grow in spiritual life; which builds them up as a spiritual temple, in the experience and exercise of all Godly virtues.

We confess indeed that we are very imperfect, that we do not hate all sin as we ought, that we have heretofore often allowed ourselves in known sin, conquered and enslaved by our corrupt and growing lusts. O God, forgive us, on this morning of thy most great mercy to all the world. For Christ's sake, through whom all our blessings do come, by whose ransom we are redeemed from perpetual death up to this day, and are hoping in thy mercy, to obtain an inheritance in heaven—forgive us. O Christ have mercy upon us! save us from sin; though we be in doubt and difficulty, save us; though we have been ungrateful and rebellious,

answer for us, and intercede for us. May we, in whatever sorrow or perplexity we be, follow thy means of grace, try to obey, pray to Thee, and withdraw our thoughts from the evil thing: until we obtain a fuller and fuller measure of thy good Spirit, according to thy gracious promises to thy weak and sinful servants. Until at last our joy may be perfected in heaven; and thy glory, and the might of thy Spirit will be known and rejoiced in, by all saints and angels in the highest heavens.

And, O God Almighty, God of all spirits, Father of our Lord and Saviour, look with mercy upon the whole world of thy sinful perishing creatures. Give them in thy Spirit, thy strength, that they may not quench in their hearts any true understanding, pure love, or awakening consciousness. Move their hearts to grasp and lay hold of whatever good thing may strike their ear, or eye, or dreams, or thoughts, and to cling steadfastly thereto; and instruct us how to seek and find thy saving help. And move the hearts of all to look for light and strength, not to their own thoughts, or understanding, or power, but to the spirit of their Almighty and merciful Creator, working in them to produce good will, and to bring the same to any perfect fruit. Hear our praises and petition, O God, in the intercession, and for the sake of Jesus, the Lamb of thy new covenant with us. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

ALMIGHTY God, Creator of all things, our Maker; Thou who causest faithfulness, kindness, and patience, to bring their fruits; Thou who kindlest the spirits of all men, and orderest the world, and strengthenest those who call upon Thee: we adore thy name for these manifest, and unspeakable mercies. This day we especially desire to call to mind that Thou art one God, revealed to us in threefold; and we wish to pray to Thee for thy special blessings, both as one God, and as Thou art revealed to us in thy Son and Spirit.

O God, who art holy, and gracious; who forgivest men their sins, when they repent and turn to Thee; and who grantest us great spiritual mercy, and promise: we call on Thee to take us under thy Fatherly protection, for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son. Raise our hearts to eternal things: teach us to see and desire thy best gifts; and, in all we have to do, enable us to promote thy glory, and the godliness and trust of all men; by pursuing all that is good, and hating all that is hurtful. And, though we be erring, sinful, and helpless, at the best, do Thou accept us in the adoption of thy Son, our sacrifice, thine anointed Jesus.

O Lamb of God, who sittest at the right hand of

the Father, in full power and majesty; to Thee we look for acceptance; and to thy intercession as our only answer before God; for we have gone astray. For thy name's sake, for thy love, and labour, and death—hear our imperfect supplication, and send us the holy Spirit from the Father, with truth, and healing, and encouragement; that by Him we may be enabled to become truly followers of Thee. By his gifts of holiness, and wisdom, may we leave thoughts of pride and worldly means; and become strong in faith, and in self-sacrifice, and love; counting a life lost in thy law, gain for ever.

O holy Spirit, who intercedest for us with the Father, and art the source of all power, and strength, and wisdom, and might, in us, and in the world; we acknowledge thy almighty working, and we would be born again in Thee. Thine is the glory, and the praise of every blessing which we have.

O God of hosts, we pray Thee to hasten the accomplishment of thy kingdom. And in accomplishment thereof, bless us, our neighbours, and fellow men, with a full measure of thy holy Spirit, that we may love, and follow, and know Thee; and be delivered from pain, distress, and sickness, under thy Fatherly blessing: through the sacrifice, and for the promise' sake of thy anointed Son, thy Word, who came from Thee. Amen.

MISSIONARY EVENING PRAYER.

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FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sentest Him, thy Son, from heaven, to teach and rescue sinners upon earth, by his holiness and fatigue, by torture and death : mercifully grant to us his Spirit, that we may be willing to sacrifice time, and money, and comforts, and lives, in obediently spreading thy Gospel truths. And do Thou encourage us, and all engaged in this work, both by giving us a holy spirit of faith, and hope, and patience ; and by blessing our labour and willingness in obeying the example and Spirit of Jesus Christ.

For his sake, and for the salvation and happiness of thy created people, spread we beseech Thee, through all lands, the blessing of a faithful Church, and of Christian order, and brotherhood, and instruction : that throughout the world those who serve Thee may seasonably gather together, to thy praise and to their peace and blessing.

Give our nation, O Lord of hosts, a continual succession of faithful rulers ; so that by thy protection our nation may spread everywhere thy holy truth, not only by consistent laws and professions, but by actual Christian encouragement, with sense mercy and honour, in our Colonies and in our vast dominions, and through the whole world. Yea, may the deeds of our rulers shine to after ages, on the page of history, to the continual instruction and encouragement of those who shall wish to think soberly and to act honestly.

We humbly ask Thee mercifully to touch the hearts of every one here assembled, and of every British subject who enjoys the rich national blessings of light and truth; that each may have the privilege of himself assisting in the work of thy mission, and that each may embrace that privilege earnestly, and sensibly, with fervent prayer. May such seek, and find in that work spiritual blessing, and power of spiritual influence, which is better than any wealth or earthly authority.

Grant, crucified Saviour, that no earthly prosperity nor interests, may at all dim our hearts in the estimation and pursuit of spiritual growth and truth; but may we be really dead to all earthly grandeur and trust. May those who hear thy truths draw, in love and estimation, towards those who love Thee best, and who work out thy word in their acts and thoughts: and may those who know Thee, be saved from all magnificence in their deeds companionships and charity; and be the means of spreading truth in Christ. Thus may the souls of all prosper, and love flourish amid neighbours, kindred, and ranks; and may all live by no means in respect of appearances, but in righteousness and truth.

O Christ Jesus, intercede, we beseech Thee, for us our nation and dominions, unto the Father, that the kingdom which He has given Thee may be speedily spread from pole to pole, and from sea to sea, in belief, knowledge, honesty, and love. That all men may honour Thee; and that in Thee our nation may be blessed, holy Lord, only and Almighty Saviour. Amen.

SHORT PRAYERS.

FOR THE SPREAD OF THE TRUE SCRIPTURES BY BIBLE SOCIETIES AND OTHERWISE.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast revealed thy word to thy faithful people, through all ages; and to these last days especially hast revealed it to the world, through thy Son: even so now further reveal it, and bless thy Church in the work of sending forth thy word. May all engaged in the labours of management, translating, printing, and dispersing thy Bible, have thy blessing abundantly, both in their success in thy work, the good of their own souls, and in their worldly solace, and estate. And may all who read, have the blessing and teaching of thy Spirit, and favour; that they may understand, and have trust.

Holy Jesus, the Word of God, open so the eyes of all who send, and of all who receive the gift of thy glad tidings, that they may serve Thee in thy Spirit, —in humility, faith, trust, and love; and may receive from Thee light, and strength, and blessing, even as Thou hast received thy kingdom from the Father.

Holy Spirit, guide and inspire all those who faithfully seek to teach or translate the Book which Thou hast inspired. May thy presence be with us in these latter days, that truth and purity, religion and benevolence may spread among all men. Still keep the Bible pure, and the words of its careful translations just, and faithful; that all who seek honestly, may find therein a great and invaluable treasure, and may turn from doubt and crime to implore thy help and power. All this we ask in the name of our Redeemer, and Intercessor, Jesus Christ.

FOR HARVEST.

O LORD, to know whom is everlasting life: it is our highest pleasure to receive good at thy hands; not for its own sake, but as an answer to prayer, an evidence of thy love, and a manifestation of thy glory for our praise. We beseech Thee to bless us in our present (*or coming*) harvest; make it an evidence of thy power and mercy to this nation; bless by it the poor and lowly; and may all thank Thee faithfully, for whatever plenty they may obtain. And grant all men fruit to all their earnest labours; accepting us, our desires and thanksgivings, in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

AGAINST PARTIES IN THE CHURCHES.

GATHER together, O Lord Jesus, thy true and spiritual Church in visible unity: further those, who, in meekness, and honesty, and truth, are most extending the knowledge of thy pure word, which Thou camest in order to give to us and to all, poor and great. Save us from those who adhere to old human authorities or to present human policy; rather than to thy express order and law, and to the faithful spreading of thy glad tidings of peace and of means of plain and orderly worship amongst the poor. Save us, too, from those (who are dead while they live) who presume in thinking and acting upon things too high for them, pondering on things upon which thou hast given no command,

and which are beyond human comprehension: who think of judging their neighbours in what is doubtful, instead of building them up in what is real and true. Save us from all who lust to set aside thy commands. And grant that thy words may reach the eyes and hearts of all people, in real plainness and conviction. Grant this, O Lord our Shepherd: grant this, O Lord, who didst ordain that we continually break bread and drink wine in memory of Thee, and of thy death for us, and of thy promise to feed us fully.

IN SICKNESS.

HEAVENLY Father, look upon and deliver thy people in the time of this *sickness*. Now, O Lord Jehovah, glorify thy Son's name, and show forth the completeness and all-sufficiency of his sacrifice for us. He bore our griefs in his own distress: He suffered for us, and gave his body to be broken that we might live thereby. O let not his pain pass fruitless, but for his sake thoroughly pardon our sin, heal our diseases, release the sick from their many afflictions, and give eternal life and spirit to our souls; even as He healed all who called upon Him. And give us grace to show our honest trust in Him, by walking daily in a good conscience, and in reliance on his sacrifice, as those who are always ready for his coming. O spread this spirit throughout all our land; and give to all, true and penitent and earnest hearts, as in the sight of a dread and all-seeing Creator, who will soon close ur day of repentance and grace.

NATIONAL WAR.

GRANT our people and rulers honest hearts and firm godliness in the carrying on of this fearful war. May our countrymen glorify Thee in all their resistance and union: and may they, whose counsels are just, and faithful, and merciful, be raised and prospered by Thee; and all the hypocrites, and worldly, and cowardly, and reckless, be checked and overborne. May our troops have earnest Christian rulers, and a humane spirit; not loving blood and worldly honour, but loving peace, and fairness, and contentment, and brotherly honour. Grant success to our arms, and save our warriors from death, and their friends from desolation; and give them moderation and self-denial equally in defeat and victory, to thy honour and glory, through our Lord and Spiritual Captain, Anointed Jesus.

CONTINENTAL WAR.

MERCIFULLY bring to a speedy end the war now raging amid foreign nations. In thy judgment remember mercy. And, though thou mayest justly punish sinners, and we do beseech Thee to advance thy kingdom by this war; yet show thy power more fully, O God Jehovah, by bringing in peace thy glad tidings of peace, to the glory of thy Son, our Redeemer.

FINAL PRAYERS.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MAY the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and for evermore. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us, and upon all dear to us, this *day* (or *night*) and for ever. Amen.

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